



Give us your SC/ST numbers: Govt to firms under EPFO

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THE MINISTRY of Labour and Employment has kicked off a survey that requires establishments contributing to the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), including from the private sector, to furnish information on the number of SC and ST employees in their ranks.

The survey being piloted by Niti Aayog was initially to be restricted to public sector undertakings (PSUs) but has now been extended to cover private firms. Through this month, regional provident fund offices have been sending out queries in a specified format to companies seeking "employment data of the proportion of SC & ST employees in total employment".

Sources said the data on the

number of SC/ST employees is being collated to provide them financial incentives for social security benefits.

The objective of this new scheme, rolled out in consultation with the Labour Ministry, is for the Centre to eventually foot the bill for employee contribution being made by SC/ST employees towards their provident and pension funds with the EPFO. The Labour Ministry is the nodal Ministry of the EPFO.

The communication sent by regional provident fund offices states: "Ministry of Labour and Employment has desired to have a sample study of employment data of the proportion of SC & ST employees in total employment... the data was requested at the first instance with respect to PSUs from whom it can be calculated in short time. However, the Ministry desired to have

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WILL HAVE TRADE DEAL SOON: US PRESIDENT

Great if Modi, Imran can work out something on Kashmir: Trump



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IN A measured comment with the Indian Prime Minister by his side, US President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he believed Narendra Modi and Pakistan PM Imran Khan will "get together" and work something out on Kashmir.

A day after he described Khan as a "great leader" before their



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Donald Trump in New York on Tuesday. AP

bilateral meeting, Trump called Modi the "father of India" and compared his presence at the Howdy Modi event in Houston Sunday with that of Elvis Presley. But Trump, who was speaking

to reporters ahead of his bilateral meeting with Modi Tuesday, stopped short of blaming Pakistan for supporting terrorism, and pointed to Iran as the biggest state sponsor of terror.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



Asked about Khan's statement during an event Monday that the Pakistan Army had trained Al Qaeda, Trump said: "I haven't heard that. I know that

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Pawar & nephew, Sena, Cong leaders booked by ED in co-op bank fraud

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY, ZEESHAN SHAIKH & SUSHANT KULKARNI
NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, PUNE, SEPTEMBER 24

ROCKING MAHARASHTRA ahead of the assembly elections in the state next month, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has registered a case of alleged money laundering against NCP leader and former Union Minister Sharad Pawar, his



Sharad Pawar; Ajit Pawar

nephew Ajit Pawar and several others including Anandrao Adsul (Shiv Sena), Jayant Patil (PWP),

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Boris suspension of Parliament is illegal, rules UK's Supreme Court

GREGORY KATZ, MIKE CORDER & JILL LAWLESS
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 24

IN A decision that badly undermines Boris Johnson's authority, Britain's highest court ruled unanimously Tuesday that the Prime Minister broke the law by suspending Parliament in a way that squelched legitimate scrutiny of his Brexit plan.

The historic move by Britain's Supreme Court offered a ringing endorsement of Parliament's



Boris Johnson in New York, Tuesday. AP

sovereignty and slapped down what it viewed as Johnson's attempt to use executive power to silence the legislature.

House of Commons Speaker John Bercow welcomed the decision, saying citizens are "entitled" to have Parliament in

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E Defining the balance of power

THE UK SC has underlined the supremacy of Parliament over the Executive, and the authority of the Judiciary to rule on the lawfulness of government action.

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HOUSE TO ORGANIC FOODS COMPANY

Wife: NOVEL SINGHAL LAVASA

An ex-banker, she is a director in several companies

■ I-T summons issued under Section 13A of I-T Act in August

■ She says she has paid all taxes due on income and pension

Sister: SHAKUNTALA LAVASA

A paediatrician, she has a clinic in Panchkula

■ I-T notice issued

■ She bought a house owned by Ashok Lavasa and his wife in Gurgaon for Rs 1.86 cr in 2017-18

Son: ABIR LAVASA

Director in Nourish Organic Foods since Nov 14, 2017

■ I-T surveyed company's books of accounts in first week of August

■ Tax dept points to two "suspicious transactions" dating back to 2008-09, 2010

for the Lok Sabha elections.

The tax department also questioned Rupali Buildwell

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EXPLAINED: HOW COAL GASIFICATION CAN HELP INDIA REDUCE ITS ENERGY IMPORT

According to a press release by the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, the decision is geared towards reducing India's reliance on imports and helping the country meet its CoP-21 Paris Agreement commitments.

VIDEO OF THE DAY



PAK PM IMRAN KHAN ON 9/11

Pak committed one of the 'biggest blunders' by siding with the US

FULL COVERAGE



RBI PUTS CURBSON PMCB BANK

Restricts withdrawal to Rs 1,000 per account; chaos at branches

EXPRESS AUDIO

What can a Multipurpose Identity card be used for?

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On today's episode of 3 Things, we discuss the origins of the multipurpose id card project, how it may help schemes, and if there are any drawbacks

Bengal: Minister, top district officials skip meeting with Governor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 24

AS WEST Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday expressed dismay over the absence of a minister and senior officers of administration and police at a meeting in Siliguri in Darjeeling district where he had gone to inaugurate a new chapter of a chamber of commerce, the TMC government slammed him, saying he "should avoid political gimmicks every day".

"The Governor should not misuse the Constitutional jurisdiction and should avoid political gimmicks every day. Our TMC government is peoples' government and is aware of what to do and what not to do," a statement issued by Education Minister and TMC Secretary General Partha Chatterjee stated.

"The new Governor, within 15 days of joining has exposed himself that he is not a neutral person, by making politically biased statements against the government officers and government departments.... West Bengal is a beautiful state. The Governor should visit beautiful places in West Bengal and enjoy the hospitality of the State Government. This is desirable. What is not desirable is a Constitutional position, unnecessarily becoming over-active, interfering in all respects of government business and government officers," Chatterjee said.

Earlier in the day, Dhankhar on finding that senior government officials skipping a meeting said in Siliguri: "I think the minister, the secretary, the DM (District Magistrate) and others had un-avoidable commitments. I am not

a political person. I would have been happy if state officials had been a little more involved. I have seen a virtual and total absence of state officials here. The DM must have gone on leave. The man in charge of police was nowhere to be seen, too. Maybe, they all had unavoidable work today."

"I am not judgemental. I wish in the next meeting where the head of state is present, the government officials would also be present," the Governor added.

Tourism Minister Gautam Deb, District Magistrate Deepap Priya P and Police Commissioner Atharv Tripathi were scheduled to be present in the meeting.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Deb said that he had informed the organisers earlier that he would not be present at the event. "I was invited by the chamber of commerce. The Governor was also invited by the same chamber of commerce. I was not invited by the Governor. I had already told the chamber that I am preoccupied and will not be able to attend it. There is no question of controversy here," the minister said.

The Indian Express tried to reach out to the District Magistrate and Police Commissioner but failed to get their comments.

Meanwhile, representatives of various political parties met the Governor in the city. However, Trinamool Congress leaders were conspicuous by their absence.

"Representatives of political parties gave representations to me which I will consider. The doors of Raj Bhavan are open to everyone irrespective of their political affiliations, colour or creed," Dhankhar told reporters.

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Co-op bank fraud

Diliprao Deshmukh and Madan Patil (Congress), Ishwarlal Jain and Shivajirao Nalawade (NCP).

The Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) was registered Monday, ED sources said Tuesday, adding that the case is based on an FIR filed by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Mumbai Police in connection with alleged irregularities in the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank.

The NCP described the ED action as "political vendetta" and Sharad Pawar said it was prompted by the strong support for his party across the state: "I was never a director of any cooperative bank. However, if they have filed a case against me, I welcome it. I was expecting such an action after the response that I received during my recent tour of Maharashtra."

NCP MLA Jitendra Awhad said: "The attempt to finish Sharad Pawar using agencies like ED will not work. Pawar has not had an association with a bank for the past 50 years. What kind of politics is BJP adopting? They are threatened by Pawar's campaign which is leading them to behave in this way."

Advocate Prashant Patil, Ajit Pawar's lawyer in Pune, said: "There was an order of the Bombay High Court directing the Economic Offences Wing to register an FIR in the matter. We had approached the Supreme Court against the order, wherein the apex court has held that investigations should be carried out fairly without getting influenced by the High Court and in accordance with law."

"Now, we have got to know know through the electronic media that ED too has registered an offence. In whichever case, we are ready to cooperate with the investigating agencies as law-abiding citizens. The Supreme Court order in the said matter of MSC Bank is binding upon all the investigating agencies," he said.

ED sources, speaking on the ECIR, said: "A criminal PIL was filed on 28.01.2019 before Bombay High Court in the case of Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank scam. Hon'ble High Court, after detailed hearing and going through the complaint, on 22.08.2019 directed the EOW, Mumbai Police to register an FIR. The FIR was thereafter filed and consequently an ECIR was recorded on 23/09/2019 against the then Chairman, MDs, Directors of Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSC), along with Mr Sharad Pawar, Mr Ajit Pawar, Mr Diliprao Deshmukh, Mr Ishwarlal Jain, Mr Jayant Patil...."

"It is alleged that the then top executives i.e. Chairman, MDs, Directors, CEOs, managerial staff of Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSC) and office-bearers and directors of Sakhar Karkhanas (cooperative sugar factories or CSFs), Soot Gimis and other processing units were given loans in a fraudulent manner by MSC Bank and, in the process, several illegalities were committed. The scam is pegged at Rs

your PM will take care of it. It will be great if they can work out something in Kashmir... you have a great PM, he will solve the problem."

After the bilateral meeting later, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said the Prime Minister shared concerns on terrorism in the context of Jammu and Kashmir — and how it led to the loss of 42,000 lives over the last 30 years in Kashmir.

According to Gokhale, Modi told Trump that India has never shied away from talking to Pakistan, but Islamabad has not reciprocated. He recalled how he had invited the then Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif for his swearing-in ceremony in 2014 and flown to Lahore with minimal security later.

But the attack on Pathankot happened soon after that, and the accused have not yet been brought to justice, Modi told the US President. Delhi expected Islamabad to take concrete steps, which did not happen, Gokhale said.

Modi also told Trump that it was incumbent on the international community to join hands to fight terrorism. In this context, he referred to Indian Muslims who have a very low presence in terrorist groups.

25,000 crore," sources said.

The loans, sources said, were provided to CSFs by officials of the MSC Bank who were linked to owners of the CSFs. "There were several irregularities in the sanctioning of the loans committed, only with the purpose of extending benefits to the directors of the lending bank, for personal gains, thereby defrauding and cheating the bank and its shareholders," sources said.

Loans were sanctioned to CSFs despite weak financials and negative net worth, ED sources said, adding that no collateral was taken in many cases and loans were extended on the basis of fraudulent and dishonest representation to the bank.

"Thereafter, due to alleged mismanagement and underutilisation of capacity and increasing overhead expenditure, these CSFs became sick and were sold by a decision taken by the board of directors at a price much below the reserve price to avail wrongful gain to the purchaser. The purchasers had personal or political links to the board of directors and the consent of borrowing units were not taken before undertaking such sale," sources said on the ECIR.

EPFO

stratified sample data across the establishments. Therefore, it is kindly requested to collect data from other establishments also."

Companies have been asked to furnish details in a four-column table that seeks the name of the company, total number of employees, number of SC employees, and number of ST employees.

The conceptual discussions were held by NITI Aayog over the last couple of years in the run-up to the survey being launched earlier this month. Some officials are

The US President "acknowledged and noted" it, said Gokhale.

On the issue of mediation, Gokhale made it clear that the position of the Indian government is "very clear... if there are issues to be discussed, they will be discussed bilaterally".

Ahead of the meeting, while responding to questions, Trump said he had a "very good meeting with Khan" the previous day. "He (Khan) would like to see something happen. Something will happen very fruitful, very peaceful, I think that will happen ultimately," he said.

"I really believe these two gentlemen will get together and work something," Trump said, as Modi looked on. "I really believe PM Modi and PM Khan will get along, once they get to know each other. I think lots of good things will come from that meeting."

While the Prime Minister was accompanied by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, among others, Trump was accompanied by US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo.

Responding to questions on Pakistan being the epicentre of terrorism, the US President

learnt to have flagged the possibility of statistical errors in conducting such a survey in the private sector, where employees are not hired on the basis of reservation.

"There is no legal mandate for SC/ST hiring in the private sector. Such a survey was initially planned to be conducted for PSUs. For private companies, there might be some roadblocks as employees may not be forthcoming with their caste details," sources said.

Sources indicated that while employer contribution would still be paid by companies, the government will make the EPFO payments on behalf of the SC/ST employees. "The government already has data for SC/ST employees working in the public sector companies. After the government has data on SC/ST employees in the private sector, it will be able to make targeted transfers towards EPFO payments. This benefit from the government will help lift the financial position of SC/ST employees," sources said.

The need for data from all establishments was felt as there was a view that a substantial portion of funds allocated for SC/ST schemes were going unutilised, officials said.

The EPFO and the Labour Ministry did not respond to queries from *The Indian Express* on the survey.

Currently, the government has allocated over Rs 1.3 lakh crore towards more than 300 schemes being implemented by 38 ministries and government departments under the "welfare for SC/ST" employees head. As funds under many of these schemes remain unspent, the government plans to provide benefits to SC/ST employees by making their provident and pension fund payments.

Maharashtra Sadan scam: ACB submits draft charges against Bhujbal, 14 others

SADAF MODAK

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE MAHARASHTRA Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday submitted before a special court draft charges against NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal and 14 others in the Maharashtra Sadan scam.

Special Public Prosecutor

Pradip Gharat said that the ACB has invoked Section 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servants) of the IPC against the accused. It carries a maximum punishment of life imprisonment. The draft charge has been submitted against 15 people, including Bhujbal, his son Pankaj and nephew Sameer.

The ACB has claimed that the accused — including Bhujbal,

who was the deputy chief minister and the PWD minister, along with PWD engineers, officials and private persons — had entered into a criminal conspiracy for their benefit, causing wrongful loss to the Maharashtra government.

It has alleged that the contract of developing two plots was given to Chamankar Enterprises — whose officials are also part of the list of accused — though they

were not registered "Class 1-A" contractors of PWD. The ACB has claimed that serious and valid objections made to the firm being given the project were ignored.

It added that the plots were to be developed by the government. But by handling it to a private firm, the accused benefited.

The ACB has claimed that Bhujbal, in his capacity as a public servant "having dominion on

meeting that lasted for about 30-40 minutes at the UN headquarters. Modi said he has met Trump three times in the last four months since being re-elected. He said the closeness, ease and continuous engagement between the two democracies is a "very good sign for the world", as it is a friendship "based on values".

"I am thankful to Trump that he came to Houston. He is my friend but he is also a good friend of India," Modi said.

In his remarks later, Trump responded: "My personal chemistry is as good as it can get. I have great respect, great admiration, and I really like him. He is a great gentleman and a great leader... And I remember India before, there was lot of dissension, lot of fighting, he got it all together, like a father will bring it together. Maybe he is the father of India, we will call him father of India," he said, as Modi, Jaishankar and Goyal smiled.

Asked about the Houston event, Trump said Modi was an Indian version of Elvis. "He has done a fantastic job. What that event showed. How much I like India and how much I like your Prime Minister. They love this gentleman. Those people went crazy," he said.

India-focused early stage investor, Saama Capital in March 2019. RoC records show it was allotted 50,000 shares at Rs 1,500 a piece on March 29, 2019. At this price, Abir's shareholding will be valued at Rs 1.5 crore.

Saama Capital has invested in a number of start-ups in India including Paytm, ChairPoint, Vistaar (NBFC), Snapdeal and SKS Microfinance.

RoC documents show Nourish Organic was promoted by Seema Jindal Jajodia, wife of Sandeep Jajodia, Chairman and Managing Director, Monnet Group, and daughter of the late O P Jindal. It earned a profit of Rs 16.86 lakhs on total revenue of Rs 5.33 crore in 2017-18. The previous year, it reported a loss of Rs 24.4 lakh on revenues of Rs 3.4 crore. The tax department has concluded that the "effective management" of Nourish Organics vests with Abir, given that Seema Jajodia resigned two months after he became director in November 2017. Another director, Naresh Kumar, resigned the same day Abir joined.

Further, it has listed a couple of transactions linked to the company as "suspicious". These include a share premium of Rs 4 crore received in 2008-09 and also a loan from an entity operator in Kolkata and acquisition of shares by Bonita Traders Pvt Ltd in 2010. But both these transactions happened years before Abir became a director in the firm.

The Indian Express reported Tuesday that the I-T department had issued a tax notice to Novel Singhal Lavasa. The department has found that Ashok Lavasa himself has shown receipts of Rs 20.02 lakh from a company Vibrant Trade Avenues Ltd, in which his wife was a director. In a statement issued Monday, she said she had paid all taxes due

all public properties belonging to and owned by the government of Maharashtra" and being aware of the status of the two plots proposed for development by a private firm, had facilitated the said conspiracy for the benefit of the accused, including his relatives and employees.

"...all being public servants, prepared the false and misleading feasibility reports and status

and disclosed all income earned from pension, and all other sources as per the law.

UK SC

session to review the government and enact laws. Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn and other Opposition leaders from a wide array of parties called for Johnson to step down.

The court said Johnson's suspension of Parliament never formally took effect, opening the door for Parliament to resume its duties Wednesday morning as if nothing had happened. It also established that Johnson had involved Queen Elizabeth II by giving her improper advice when he sought her permission to shutter Parliament for five weeks.

Johnson said he objected to the ruling but will comply. "I have the utmost respect for our judiciary. I don't think this was the right decision," Johnson said in New York, where he is attending the UN General Assembly. The suspension of Parliament "has been used for centuries without this kind of challenge".

The ruling could not have been clearer. Reading a unanimous decision by the 11 highest judges in the land, Supreme Court President Brenda Hale said the Prime Minister had acted illegally.

"It is impossible for us to conclude, on the evidence which has been put before us, that there was any reason — let alone a good reason — to advise her majesty to prorogue Parliament for five weeks," she said. "We cannot speculate, in the absence of further evidence, upon what such reasons might have been. It follows that the decision was unlawful."

The suspension "had the effect of frustrating or preventing the ability of Parliament to carry out its constitutional functions without reasonable justification", Hale said.

The judges made clear that they were criticising Johnson, not the queen, who as a Constitutional monarch was required to approve his request.

The ruling forced a chastened Johnson to cut short his trip to New York to fly home overnight in time for Parliament's unexpected session, where he will undoubtedly face a crescendo of calls to resign after his judicial humiliation.

Corbyn told his party conference that the court decision shows Johnson's "contempt" for democracy and rule of law. He said Johnson should resign "and become the shortest-serving Prime Minister there's ever been".

The Prime Minister remains on a collision course with Parliament over his determination to sever Britain from the European Union on October 31 even if no divorce deal is reached. Parliament has passed a law requiring him to seek an extension if there is no deal, but Johnson says he will not do that under any circumstances.

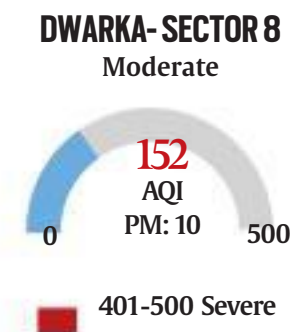
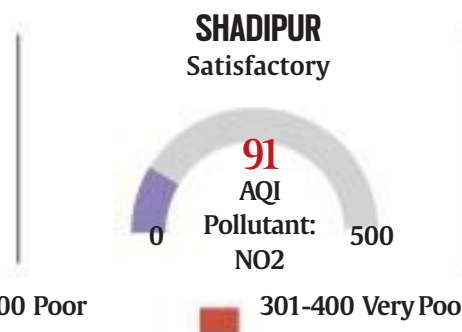
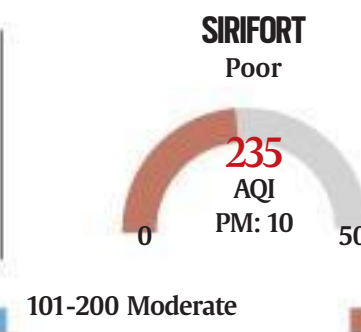
Johnson strode to power in late July after easily winning a Conservative Party leadership race to succeed Theresa May. He boldly promised Britain would leave the European Union by the deadline and dominated the news in his first weeks at 10 Downing Street while Parliament was on its summer break. **AP**

reports on the basis of false and misleading financial statements, thereby to defraud the government of Maharashtra by causing wrongful loss to the government and the corresponding wrongful gain to you," it has alleged.

The other charges the accused face are criminal conspiracy, criminal breach of trust and forgery under Prevention of Corruption Act.



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3 cops suspended over CR Park snatching: ‘Some lapses found’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THREE POLICEMEN from CR Park police station have been suspended over a snatching incident involving a 28-year-old journalist, who was dragged out of a moving auto and injured Sunday evening.

Police have also recovered over 12 different CCTV clips of two bike-borne men, seen wearing helmets, from the area. The incident left Joymala Bagchi, an ANI journalist, with injuries on her chin, jaw, and arms, and she is currently undergoing treatment at AIIMS Trauma Centre.

DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said an internal inquiry into the incident was initiated which showed that the emer-



CCTV shows the two suspects; (R) the victim, Joymala Bagchi

gency response vehicle (ERV) was quick to respond while the local police station and beat officers were found lacking. “Some lapses in the response time were found and one assistant sub-inspector and two constables have been suspended. The SHO of the police station has been given show-



cause notice,” said Thakur. “Footage shows both men wearing helmets, and the rider is in a black shirt, the one riding pillion is wearing a bright orange shirt. The men seem to be in their early 20s. We are questioning eight suspects right now,” Thakur added.

ACCUSED WORKED WITH OFFICIALS AT EXAM CENTRES: POLICE

7 held for hacking into IAF recruitment exam, taking test from remote location

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

SEVEN MEN have been arrested by the Delhi Police from Mukherjee Nagar for allegedly hacking the Indian Air Force’s (IAF) online recruitment test for non-commissioned officers through a remote system, which enabled them to take the test on behalf of aspirants. The arrest was made by the inter-state cell (ISC) of Crime Branch, and initial investigation has revealed that five of them had earlier appeared

for various competitive examinations, but after failing to crack them, started taking exams for other aspirants.

The accused were identified as Naresh, the alleged leader of the gang, and his accomplices Ankush, Rakesh, Aman, Manjeet, Vikrant and Hardeep.

“The arrest was made Sunday afternoon after a team of ISC received information that a group was involved in cheating during online recruitment exam for group X and Y posts in Indian Air Force, held from September 21-24. A team led by DCP (Crime Branch) Rajesh Deo conducted a

During questioning, the accused revealed that they took Rs 7-8 lakh from each aspirant, police said

raid in Gandhi Vihar area of Mukherjee Nagar, where they found the accused sitting in a room and taking the exam for others,” a senior officer said.

The accused tried to escape after jumping off the balcony of the rented flat in the two-storey building. One of them received

serious injuries in his leg and was taken to a hospital. Police have recovered several computers.

“During questioning, Naresh told police they charged Rs 7-8 lakh from aspirants. They took the test from a remote location,” an officer said.

Explaining their modus operandi, a senior officer said they hacked the exam server with the help of “TeamViewer software”, which allows the gang to operate any computer from a remote location. “During questioning, they disclosed that they struck a deal with the supervisors of some examination centres and

shared the same software with them to install on computers. Supervisors switched off CCTV cameras while hacking the server. On the day of the examination, the candidates would sit at the centre but the accused, sitting in their room, would take the tests for them,” an officer said.

Police have identified several such aspirants and are conducting raids to nab them. The IAF has been told about the matter.

Last year, the vigilance wing of the IAF had unearthed a cheating scam where online examination paper for technical and non-technical posts was hacked.

Tihar concedes they don’t have 100% CCTV coverage: ‘Deterrence lacking’

PRITAMPAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

TIHAR JAIL authorities have conceded before the Delhi High Court that they do not have 100% CCTV coverage in their jails, “thus sufficient deterrence towards any wrongdoing is lacking”.

“That in order to keep a close watch/surveillance in the prison, CCTV cameras play a pivotal role, not only in assisting and maintaining discipline, but also in recording incidents inside prison... At present, 100% coverage (except minimum area to maintain privacy) is not there in Delhi prisons...,” jail authorities said.

It further apprised the bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and

Justice C Hari Shankar that a comprehensive proposal for 5,629 CCTV cameras has been approved and is under implementation through Delhi government’s PWD. The project is estimated to cost Rs 120 crore.

Authorities also said that “50 body worn cameras for searching teams have been purchased to cover searching process”.

It further admitted that mobile jammers around jails are found to be incapable of blocking signals inside prison. “...during a recent demonstration of equipment by ECIL, it was observed that mobile signals were not effectively blocked inside prison. The jammers were also found to be incapable of blocking signals of JIO Network,” said the status re-



Jail officials said a proposal to install 5,629 CCTV cameras has been approved

port filed by Delhi Government’s Additional Standing Counsel Anuj Aggarwal on behalf of Director General (DG) (Prisons), Tihar.

The DG’s response came against the backdrop of a court query based on a letter by a prisoner in December last year, who

had alleged inhuman behaviour towards inmates at Tihar Jail and extortion by jail officials.

An enquiry by a judicial officer had found that jail officials allegedly took bribes to provide basic amenities and also found rampant use of cell phones, tobacco and other prohibited items inside the prison. The DG, in the reply, stated that two officials have been suspended. Jail authorities said that a “circular has been issued for taking stringent action against whoever found in possession of prohibited items and for...action against officials found indulging in illegal activities”. It stated that to stop smuggling of prohibited articles inside jails, they have sent proposal to the Delhi government for punitive action.

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THE EDUCATION department has received applications not coming up to even one percent of the reserved seats lying vacant for children with special needs (CWSN) in private schools across the city.

Since last year, all private schools recognised by the education department are required to reserve three percent of all seats at entry-level classes for special needs children.

These admissions take place through a centralised draw of lots conducted by the Delhi government’s Directorate of Education (DoE) — along the

The last date for applications has once again been extended, to October 3, in the hope of attracting more applicants

lines of the process for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) students — through which the applicants are allotted schools.

However, since last year itself, a low number of applications against these reserved seats has been a consistent problem.

More than five months into

the current academic session, 5,647 of these seats still remain vacant due to lack of applications.

As a result, the DoE called for a fresh round of applications on September 9.

However, it received only 44 applications — up to 0.7% of the vacancies.

The date for applications has again been extended to October 3, in the hope of attracting more applications.

The primary reason for the low number of applications is the lack of physical and teaching-learning infrastructure suitable for children with special needs in city schools, despite directives from the High Court, Delhi government and provi-

sions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, that all schools move towards inclusive education.

A day after the DoE called for the last round of applications earlier this month, *The Indian Express* reported that two special needs children who were allotted seats at Delhi Public School, Dwarka, but the school said their current infrastructure did not make admitting them “feasible”.

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Dishonoured cheque: Man to pay Rs 2.02 cr in case from 22 yrs ago

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CONVICTING A 76-year-old of giving dishonoured cheques to an Indian Air Force squadron leader in 1997, a Delhi court imposed a cost of Rs 2.02 crore on him. “The criminal’s reformation serves a great social purpose and society itself becomes the greatest beneficiary of this reformation by being freed from his depredations...,” the court observed.

The squadron leader, MSatish, had invested Rs 2 crore in a fixed deposit scheme run by the convict, Jeevan Kumar, and two other accused, N P Gadgil and Arun Anand, both directors of M/s Western India Industries Ltd. The firm has since shut down and Satish received bounced cheques. Metropolitan Magistrate Dheeraj Mor found Kumar guilty, and or-

dered an FIR against Gadgil and Anand, who are absconding.

Wing Commander MI Akhtar, the complainant’s counsel, asked to send Kumar to two years of rigorous imprisonment “so that it has a deterrent effect on like-minded persons, who embezzle the invested amount of innocent investors...” Countering this, Sumit Kumar, the counsel for the accused, sought a lenient sentence, considering his client’s age.

The court said, “No single theory, whether deterrent, preventive, retributive or reformative, can help in eliminating crimes and criminals from society. Only through an effective combination of two or more of these theories, an ideal penal programme can be drawn to combat crimes.” As the convict has faced trial for 22 years, the court said it would be harsh if he is sent to prison, and imposed a cost of Rs 2,01,91,667 on Kumar.

POLICE ALLEGE DEPT ‘CONNED’ OF Rs 8.5 CRORE

Police sue firm over ‘faulty’ traffic signals, speed cams

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

A CHEATING case has been registered against a Delhi-based firm that allegedly supplied and installed faulty traffic signals and speed violation check camera systems across different areas in the capital. The FIR was registered Monday against Turbo Consultancy Pvt Ltd by Delhi Police’s Economic Offences Wing (EOW), after a complaint was filed by the Delhi Traffic Police.

The FIR stated the “firm conned the department to the tune of Rs 8.5 crore,” and the alleged cheating lasted from 2000-2017, after which the Vigilance Branch conducted an inquiry. The traffic signals and cameras were



The firm concerned has denied any wrongdoing

installed in 2000-2007 at SP Marg, Panchsheel crossing, Tughlaq Road, Max Mueller Marg, Barar Square, Dwarka Sectors 1 and 2 and Karol Bagh, among other places, as per the FIR.

“After the installation, the systems did not work for the prescribed time period. As a result,

most of the valuable equipment acquired at a good cost by the department lay dysfunctional after one-and-a-half years of their purchase. These equipment remained idle and unused for want of repair and also caused serious operational disruption in terms of management of traffic, prevention of road accidents and violations,” stated the FIR.

A Delhi Police spokesperson said, “Based on an inquiry, the contract for installing and maintaining the equipment was awarded to Turbo Consultancy for 10 years by Delhi Police. It was later found the equipment remained idle and unutilised for want for maintenance, repair.”

A spokesperson of Turbo Consultancy told *The Indian Express*, “All the allegations are

false and the equipment was not faulty. The department placed orders from 2000 to 2007... that shows our equipment and services were not poor. We will figure out the best course of action.”

Additional Commissioner of Police (EOW) Dr O P Mishra said, “We received the complaint on Monday from the Traffic Police HQ and an FIR was registered. There were some aberrations in the contract and false commitments were made by the firm to the department due to which they suffered heavy losses.”

The FIR stated the firm allegedly “hid facts about its capacity, stocks, the supply of spares and technological upgradation from traffic police” and “the firm didn’t respond to queries and issues faced by the department...”

Auto driver held for flashing 3 students outside JNU gate

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A 27-YEAR-OLD autorickshaw driver was arrested by Delhi Police for allegedly flashing and masturbating in front of three students of the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) outside the campus gate.

An FIR has been registered at Kishangarh police station and the accused was arrested from the spot, a senior police officer said.

Police said the arrested accused has been identified as Akhilesh Kumar, who hails from Uttar Pradesh’s Kannauj.

“The incident took place around 10 pm on September 17, when the three students were returning to their hostel in JNU. They noticed the accused had unzipped his trousers outside

gate number 1 of the university, and was flashing at them,” said a police officer.

The complainant alleged that when they saw him, instead of leaving the spot, the accused started masturbating in front of them.

“One of the women then raised an alarm and informed the security guard about the incident. The accused tried to escape from the spot, leaving his autorickshaw behind, but he was soon caught,” an officer said.

“Police were informed and the accused was handed over to them. The complainant and her friends went to Kishangarh police station, where an FIR was registered against him,” the officer added. During questioning, the accused told police he drove somebody else’s auto on a shift basis.

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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/10/2019 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.

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March to 10 nations will mark Gandhi anniversary

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A ONE-YEAR global foot march for “justice and peace,” covering 10 countries and 14,000 km, will start from New Delhi on Mahatma Gandhi’s 150th birth anniversary on October 2 and end at Geneva in September next year.

The initiative, named Jai Jagat, urges implementation of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a dialogue with UN agencies in Geneva.

Headed by Gandhian Rajagopal P V, the march will start from Rajghat and travel through India for four months before heading to Switzerland through Iran and some Balkan nations.

Speaking at New Delhi Tuesday, Rajagopal said, “Through the ideology of Jai Jagat, there’s an effort to unite the world — how we can all come together to protect the planet.”

The organisers said the four pillars of advocacy related to the UN goals are at the core of the Jai Jagat campaign. They are eradication of poverty, social inclusion, climate justice and nonviolent resolution of conflicts.

Organisers estimate that 10,000 people would join the march internationally from countries including the UK, Spain and Sweden.

An estimated funding of Rs 4 crore for the march will be raised through crowdfunding.



Rajagopal P V (centre) at the event, Tuesday

CM ANNOUNCES SURVEY, FIRST STEP IN REGULARISING THEM

Halt eviction of vendors, Delhi govt tells civic bodies

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE DELHI government has ordered civic bodies to halt eviction of vendors, rehabilitate those displaced without following due norms, and carry out a city-wide survey under the Street Vendors Act, 2014.

It is learnt that the government has told municipal corporations that the recent Supreme Court order on removal of encroachments from footpaths “does not relate to vendors”, and no official can authorise any eviction citing it.

The directions were issued on September 23 to the commissioners of the three MCDs, chairman of NDMC and the Delhi Cantonment Board in a meeting held in the presence of Principal Secretary (Urban Development) and advisor to Chief Minister, Gopal Mohan.

“Representatives of the corporations were intimidated in clear terms that no vendor shall be evicted from his place of vending. In case of inevitable circumstances, he will be rehabilitated as per police guidelines, according to which he has to be rehabilitated in the nearest vending zone... It was also decided that vendors who have been evicted in the past years following court orders should be included in the survey and considered for rehabilitation,” official documents state.

CM Arvind Kejriwal at a press conference Tuesday said the first-of-its-kind city-wide survey is set to begin with the government notifying 28 town vending committees (TVC) under the Street Vendors Act, 2014. The survey aims to find the total number of vendors in the city, and is the first step towards regularising them.

The TVCs, which have representatives from vendors, market associations, MCDs, police, town planners and RWAs, have been

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ARVIND KEJRIWAL
DELHI CHIEF MINISTER

asked to meet within a week and undertake the surveys.

Kejriwal said the registration of vendors will be done during the survey process and those having valid documents will be issued certificates of vending within a week.

The committees were notified last week. Kejriwal said the survey will include all markets in the capital, including the Darya Ganj weekly book market which had to be shifted following a Delhi High Court order on removal of markets at Netaji Subhash Marg.

Although the 2014 Act mandated creation of TVCs, the process faced a series of hurdles in the form of litigations. “We had begun the process of forming the committees right after taking office. We had formed the rules and scheme under the Act. However, the court was moved and rules were quashed. So we had to do it again,” Kejriwal said.

The rules and the scheme, which were to be mandated under the Act, were notified by the government in 2016 and April 2019 respectively.

According to official records, the government had notified 27 committees in September 2018 as well. However, these didn’t withstand judicial scrutiny for not having adequate number of street vendors on board.

“There was a need to bring vendors under the umbrella of law. They have to face extortions. They are forced to pay bribes. Since they are not organised, in many places they unwittingly cause traffic jams,” Kejriwal said.



CM Arvind Kejriwal, Deputy CM Manish Sisodia and Health Minister Satyendar Jain at Tuesday’s event. Praveen Khanna

100 RWAs sign pact with AAP govt on dengue fight

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IN AN outreach ahead of the assembly polls, the AAP government Tuesday signed agreements with over 100 RWAs with the purpose of generating awareness on dengue prevention.

Till now, the AAP government had agreements with around 300 RWAs, under which the latter were provided financial assistance for maintaining parks and gardens.

CM Arvind Kejriwal, along with several Cabinet ministers and MLAs, attended a public meeting of the RWAs at Talkatora stadium Tuesday.

Under the MOU, the RWAs will follow a five-point action plan to tackle dengue, including distributing pamphlets, pasting stickers outside households to de-

clare them dengue-free. “People can paste the sticker after inspecting their homes every Sunday to notify others that their house is dengue-free,” the MoU states.

“We have sent the MOU drafts to the RWAs along with the invites to the event. The RWAs were free not to sign any agreement. However, on Tuesday itself, we signed MOUs with over 100 RWAs. The list is still being collated,” Delhi Dialogue and Development Commission vice-chairman Jasmine Shah told *The Indian Express*.

The partnership is being considered a step towards consolidating the AAP’s ground connect, a model the Congress had mastered under Sheila Dikshit through the ‘Bhagidaari’ scheme. However, unlike ‘Bhagidaari’, the AAP government’s outreach does not have any financial component as of now.

After BJP leader, his wife loses campaign post over video

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DAYS AFTER the BJP removed its Mehrauli district president Azad Singh from his post over videos of him slapping his wife, former mayor Sarita Chaudhary, the party has also removed Chaudhary from the post of convener of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign in Delhi.

Delhi BJP general secretary Rajesh Bhatia wrote a letter to Chaudhary, which read: “On the instructions of Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari, you have been removed from the post of convener of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign in Delhi with immediate effect.”

Tiwari told *The Indian Express*, “Some videos were brought before the party in which Chaudhary could be seen slapping her husband. So the decision was taken. Both of them being removed from the posts will also allow the committee to investigate the matter without any biases.”

Chaudhary did not respond to calls and messages seeking a comment.

Another senior BJP leader said the party had looked at



Singh was last week removed from post of Mehrauli district president

videos of both leaders allegedly indulging in violence and cross-FIRs filed by each against the other before arriving at the decision.

The BJP had removed Singh from his post Thursday after videos of him slapping Chaudhary at the party’s office in Pant Marg, in front of several party members, emerged. Singh had at the time claimed his wife had also abused and attacked him.

The incident had taken place when district BJP leaders were returning from a meeting chaired by Union Minister Prakash Javadekar.

Since then, there have been three more incidents of party leaders indulging in violence or verbal spats in Kirari, Gokulpuri and Dwarka. Tiwari had Monday told *The Indian Express* that such incidents will be dealt with sternly.

North civic body schools to get 6,000 benches

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NORTH DELHI municipal corporation Mayor Avtar Singh Tuesday said the north civic body has issued a purchase order for 6,000 desks from the Central Jail Tihar for its primary schools.

The Indian Express had on November 27, 2018, reported that more than 38,000 students in over 100 schools under the North body are forced to sit on the floor or mats, as the schools had no desks and benches inside classrooms. The matter came to light after Congress councillor from Jahangirpuri, Poonam Bagri, raised the issue in a House meeting last year.

The mayor added that of the 6,000 desks, 3,000 will be large and the rest small.

He added that the benches will be supplied in 90 days.

Chairman of the Education Committee Ritu Goel said that at present, schools require a total of 26,789 dual desks.

She added that the remaining 14,789 dual desks will be purchased after provision of sufficient funds under relevant head of account.

AAP’s Gautam, safai karamchari body head spar over sewer deaths

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THE CHAIRPERSON of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) and the Delhi Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam Tuesday had a public spat over sewer deaths in the capital.

The two had a heated exchange during a press conference at the Delhi Secretariat, following the chairperson’s meeting with top officials of the Delhi government, which in-

cluded Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev.

Gautam told *The Indian Express* that the commission was “politicising the issues of sewer deaths”, an issue the Delhi government has been trying to tackle through a series of measures, including deployment of advanced cleaning machines.

“He could have raised the issue in the meeting with the officials. But he wanted to politicise the issue,” Gautam said.

Earlier, chairperson of the commission, Manhar Valji Bhai Zala, alleged that the Delhi gov-

ernment had failed to extend adequate compensation to the families of those who lost their lives while cleaning sewers.

“Since March 2017, 38 sewer workers have died. When we consider data from 2003, this number stands at 64. So far, 46 families have received compensation of Rs 10 lakh each,” Zala said.

When Gautam reached the presser from a dengue event at Talkatora, the commission members raised the issue in front of reporters. Gautam initially tried to respond, but later decided to walk out.

‘We need to question what is nationalism’

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

NEPHEW OF Bhagat Singh, Major General (Retd) Sheonan Singh, Tuesday questioned the current idea of nationalism, and said the Army was a “badly exploited” institution. He was speaking at the launch of a book on the freedom fighter at JNU.

The book, *The Bhagat Singh Reader*, has been edited by retired JNU professor Chaman Lal and published by Harper Collins.

Speaking at the launch organised by the JNU Teachers’ Association, Singh said, “We have created a *murti* (statue) of democracy and we are playing musical chairs around it. What do you do to sit on the chair doesn’t make a difference, what you do when you sit also doesn’t make a difference. Revolution would be if we change the *murti*, and not how we run

around it,” he said.

“We need to question what is nationalism? I’m quite confused... Is nationalism praising a man who won at musical chair and sat on the chair? Or is it running around that chair?” said Singh.

He talked of his three years in Sri Lanka. “I’ve been in the Army for many years. Let me tell you, they are the most badly exploited by the government. They have no opportunity to say what they want to say,” said Singh.

Historians Harbans Mukhia, S Irfan Habib and Sucheta Mahajan also attended the launch. “Whatever Bhagat Singh wrote... whatever he did, is so far away from all those who carry his name on posters, and use it to advance their politics... Nationalism for him was not the nationalism some of us talk of today... Religion for him was irrelevant, and religion is so central to the nationalism that has been defined today,” said Habib.

Student hangs himself in Jindal univ hostel room

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A THIRD-YEAR BBA student from OP Jindal University allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling of his college hostel room.

The 21-year-old’s body was found Monday as officials were alerted by students living in the same wing.

“We are awaiting the post-mortem report. It appears he committed suicide over the weekend when his roommates were away. The exact period will be determined in the autopsy. No suicide note was recovered. It appears he was depressed, which allegedly drove him to suicide. We will speak to his family members to further determine details,” said an officer from Rai Police Station.

The body of the student, hail-

ing from Madhya Pradesh, was handed over to the family Tuesday morning.

According to police, the student, for the past few years, mostly kept to himself. Pursuing a business course from the university, he did not have a lot of friends in college, the family told police.

A statement by the college read: “The third year B.B.A (Hons) student from the Jindal Global Business School died by suicide. His parents and the police have been duly informed. We are deeply shocked and saddened that a young life has ended in this tragic manner. Our deepest condolences are with his classmates, friends, teachers, parents and other members of JGU community. JGU is observing a three-day mourning on the campus.”

The student shared his room with two others, who were away at the time, said police.

On Yamuna banks, ‘school under bridge’ to make sure each child gets an education

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

WITH STUDENTS who made it to Delhi University and others coming back to teach younger ones, a school under the flyover on the banks of the Yamuna has been helping out-of-school children mainstream into regular school for years.

On Tuesday afternoon, around 130 girls sat under the overhead Metro tracks near the river bank, facing five blackboards painted on the base wall of the overhead structure. This is the second shift of ‘The Free School under the Bridge,’ which has around 300 children attached to it at the moment — boys study in the morning shift. These are children of the farming community which cultivates on the banks of the Yamuna in the capital.

This year, around 30 children from this ‘school’ were enrolled into MCD and government schools at Shakarpur. Rajesh Kumar, a shop owner who has been running this set-up on his own initiative, said he had en-



This year, around 30 students from the school were enrolled into MCD and government schools. Tashi Tobgyal

rolled the first group of students — a bunch of 60-odd children from river bank — in 2007.

“I started by teaching children not enrolled in school for an hour a day under a eucalyptus tree, amid the agricultural fields, in 2006. I was frustrated by my efforts at teaching alone, so I approached the MCD primary school at Shakarpur for help and asked them to take the children off my hands. At first they made fun of me, but then a masterji

came, saw what I was doing, and asked me to bring them to the school. That year itself, around 60 children were admitted,” he said.

Now, a sizeable number of children attending it are already students of either government or MCD schools, and come here for free ‘tuition classes’. Some out-of-school children are still being prepared to join a class appropriate for their age at a mainstream school.

One of the primary reasons

this area has had a large number of students not enrolling in school is the lack of a public school in the vicinity — going to school in Shakarpur is a long walk from the children’s homes by the river.

Sania, who now studies at the Shakarpur Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, goes to school by bicycle. “If I ride really fast, I can reach in half hour,” she said.

Kumar says among the children who had studied at this school, one is currently a student at Delhi University’s Dyal Singh College, two are students at Pusa Industrial Training Institute, and one is working at Ashoka Hotel.

However, one of the teachers — there were six that afternoon, all of whom teach for free — has a special connection to the ‘school’ since she herself had studied there, and completed school from the Shakarpur government school this year. “I wanted to do a B.Ed as I think teaching is the best thing one can do, but I could not pursue it because my family didn’t allow me. They are trying to get me married. I am teaching here to remain in touch with studies,” said 19-year-old Amrita.

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POSING A CHALLENGE

SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (Deemed University) invited an interesting guest of honour to launch its off-campus centre in Noida on Tuesday. Yoga guru Ramdev landed at the event two-and-a-half hours late. Apparently, he got the dates mixed up and had to arrange for a helicopter to fly from Haridwar to Noida for the event. He apologised to the audience and said this was the first time in three decades that he was late for an event. He then spoke for almost half-an-hour, during which he praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, offered career advice to students, and even challenged them to do sit-ups with him on the stage.

WORDS OF PRAISE

UNION FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman may be under fire for the economic slowdown, but she seems to enjoy a lot of goodwill among women. At the release of a report on 'Status of Women In India' by Drishti Stree Adhyayan Prabhodhan Kendra on Tuesday, the organisers welcomed Sitharaman saying, "Ghar ki Lakshmi desh ki Lakshmi ko sambhaal rahi hain", drawing applause from the crowd, mostly women. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, who was the chief guest, spoke after Sitharaman and quoted her at least thrice, endorsing everything she said on women.

GIVE-AND-TAKE

WITH THE death of Ram Jethmalani, a Rajya Sabha seat from Bihar has fallen vacant. Jethmalani was sent to Rajya Sabha by the RJD, but the numbers are now stacked against the party. While the JD(U)-BJP alliance is in majority, it is not clear which party will claim the seat. A section of the BJP feels that the seat should go to its candidate, as it gave up a seat for its ally, Lok Janshakti Party leader Ram Vilas Paswan, earlier this year. Whether the BJP gets its allies to concede this seat remains to be seen.

Tripura Cong chief resigns, says party asked him to drop his SC plea seeking NRC

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 24

PRADYOT MANIKYA Debbarma, the president of the Congress's Tripura unit and sole heir to the erstwhile Manikya royal family, on Tuesday said that he has resigned from the party.

Among the primary reasons for his resignation was the Congress leadership asking him to drop his petition in the Supreme Court seeking an NRC in Tripura, the leader has alleged.

"I was told by Luizinho Faleiro (the Congress party in-charge of Northeastern states) to drop the case or else step down as state president. I cannot compromise on my people or the security of my country," Debbarma told *The Indian Express* over the phone.

"People in the BJP control the Congress in Tripura today. I do not understand the soft stand of the Congress party on issues," he added.

In a Facebook post on Tuesday morning, Debbarma wrote, "Woke up today after a long time feeling relaxed. I start this day without having to listen to criminals and liars. Not having to worry about which colleague will back stab you, not having to indulge in groupism and backchat. Not having to listen to 'High Command' on how to accommodate corrupt people in high positions."

He continued, "When I woke up relaxed this morning I realised how my health and my life was being affected because I was not ready to allow wrong elements in society get into posts and position which would destroy our state. I tried and perhaps I lost but then how could I win when I was alone in this fight from the beginning?"

Before the Lok Sabha polls this year, Debbarma was appointed as the Congress's Tripura unit president. He had earlier played a crucial role in protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill. His appointment as the state Congress chief was supposed to consolidate a large chunk of tribal voters who expressed disenchantment with the ruling BJP-



Pradyot Manikya Debbarma

IPFT government.

In his resignation letter addressed to Faleiro, shared with *The Indian Express*, Debbarma wrote, "Irreconcilable differences, downright disregard for local issues in order to cater to some individuals' personal narrative and utter contempt for my manner of functioning by you and your team has left my conscience with no other option but to resign as the President of the Tripura Pradesh Congress." "Perhaps the biggest error on my part was my silent acquiescence to your instructions of consulting with members of the BJP, who till date continue to be MLAs in the saffron party. It was deeply worrying that a National General Secretary of the Congress Party was openly interacting with members of the BJP and taking instructions from them on how to conduct day to day affairs of the State Unit. My silence was a mistake and I regret not having paid heed to my conscience, though I am firmly doing so now."

He further wrote, "...the last straw was when you humiliated me in front of several senior leaders and asked me to either resign or withdraw my Supreme Court petition on the NRC, which when asked to be given in writing, you refused. Despite my repeated attempts to explain that I am not against any community, you stated that the party position in Tripura would be different from the rest of the Northeast."

Debbarma wrote, "Rahul Gandhi has been my leader but today I feel quite lost without him in this party. But I owe more to my people and will continue to work in that direction independent of the Congress," he wrote.

Pak in mind, PM says: Don't politicise action on terror



EXPRESS IN U.S.

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 24

INDIA TUESDAY used the opportunity to hit out at the China-Pakistan nexus at an international forum as Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed the need to "avoid politicisation" of mechanisms like sanction listings and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). He called for such mechanisms to be enforced.

Modi made these comments in a closed-door session while speaking at the Leaders' Dialogue on Strategic Responses to Terrorist and Violent Extremist Narratives, which is being organised by Jordan and New Zealand, among other countries at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

After the meeting, Ministry of External Affairs Secretary (west), A Gitesh Sarma, said: "The Prime Minister said that terrorists should not be allowed to get funds and arms. For this objective to be realised, we need to avoid politicisation of mechanisms like UN listings and FATF. These mechanisms need to be enforced."

Pakistan has in the past accused India of politicising these mechanisms, pointed to the listing of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM)



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte on the sidelines of the United Nations session in New York. *PTI*

chief Masood Azhar. Delhi, however, has raised the issue of politicisation of the listing regime, even as the FATF is likely to take a decision on Pakistan's blacklisting by the end of September. China is currently the chair of FATF.

At the forum in New York Tuesday, Sarma quoted Modi as saying that a terrorist attack anywhere in the world "should be considered terrorism — not good or bad terrorism. Not more or less".

"The Prime Minister called for qualitative upgradation in the ongoing cooperation and intelligence sharing through bilateral and regional frameworks," he said.

Sharing India's experience, Sarma said, Modi told the meeting that democratic values, diversity and inclusive development are the most important weapons against ideologies that

promote terrorism, extremism and radicalism.

The Prime Minister, he said, called for global solidarity and readiness against terrorism in the same way as the world has shown solidarity against challenges like climate change. Modi also reiterated his call for a global conference on international terrorism — an idea he had first floated during his visit to Maldives in June.

Tuesday's meeting also took stock of the Christchurch Call to Action to eliminate terrorists and violent extremist content online. India has supported the Christchurch call to sanitise cyberspace from content that promotes and eulogises terrorism, hate and violence, Sarma said.

India's "rising stature" and "strong democratic credentials" have been increasingly resonating in multilateral fora. Here, it was exemplified by French President

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Pak's

China card

PAKISTAN'S CASE is coming up at the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) this month-end. With China currently chairing the global anti-terror funding body, there is concern in India that Pakistan will get a long rope and may not be blacklisted despite failing to adhere to its commitments.

Emmanuel Macron's opening statement where he expressed appreciation for India's association to the Christchurch call, particularly as a democracy that represents over a billion people.

President Macron said India's support takes the entire initiative to new levels and gives it a greater sense of action towards dealing with, content and use of online techniques. While there was no outcome document from the meeting, Sarma said that it was a new initiative that is evolving.

The issue of terrorism also came up during the Prime Minister's meeting with the Emir of Qatar, Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani — they also discussed the issue of counter-terrorism.

Modi tweeted: "Delighted to meet @TamimBinHamad, the Amir of Qatar. We had productive talks on deepening bilateral cooperation between our countries."

Police say two more suicides as fear over NRC grips Bengal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 24

TWO PERSONS committed suicide allegedly after failing to procure requisite certificates to prove their citizenship, officials said here on Tuesday amid growing fears among people that National Register of Citizens (NRC) could be implemented in West Bengal. Hundreds of people also queued up at government and municipal offices across the state for necessary documents.

According to police, a 25-year-old man and a 50-year-old committed suicide at Dhugguri and Jalpaiguri areas of north Bengal. While one took his life by hanging himself, the other had jumped into a well, police said, adding that no suicide note was found.

"Family members and neighbours of both the men have claimed that they were depressed over not being able to gather proper documents needed to prove their citizenship. We have started an investigation into both the cases," a senior officer of West Bengal Police said.

With the two suicides, the number of those who died over NRC panic in the state rose to eight, police said.

Last Sunday, a 42-year-old



People wait to rectify their documents at the Kolkata Municipal Corporation headquarters on Tuesday. *PTI*

man was found hanging from a tree at Falta in South 24 Parganas district. His family members had claimed that he took his life as he feared that his name might not figure in the NRC if it is implemented in the state.

The growing fear about the implementation of NRC began after more than 19 lakh people were excluded from the citizenship list in Assam last month.

Meanwhile, large queues were seen outside Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) headquarters and other division

offices in the city and BDO offices in other parts of Bengal as people waited for their turn in search of land and other necessary documents.

"I have come to the KMC office to collect my birth certificate as I had lost it long back. I have heard that we need to have our birth certificates to prove that we are citizens of this country in case NRC is implemented in Bengal," said 75-year-old Ajit Ray, who was seen standing outside the civic body's headquarters in the city.

DON'T PANIC OVER NRC: MAMATA

Kolkata: Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday reiterated that she will not allow the implementation of National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the state. "Don't panic over NRC. There will be no NRC in this state," Banerjee said. On Monday, during a meeting at Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata, she had underscored that she will not allow its implementation in her state. She also claimed that six people died in Bengal due to NRC fear. **ENS**

Bimal Mondal, 55, was seen standing outside the land records department of KMC in search of documents of land procurement in the city by his parents five decades ago.

In rural Bengal, a similar picture was witnessed outside various government and panchayat offices.

"What will we do if we are declared foreigners though we were born and brought up in this country? From where will I get documents of my father being born in this country?" 25-year-old Khalque Mollah of South 24 Parganas district said.

Indian Army's statement on Balakot baseless, says Pak

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 24

PAKISTAN ON Tuesday rejected as "completely baseless" the Indian Army chief's statement on the reactivation of a Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terror camp in Balakot that was destroyed by the IAF in February this year.

Speaking at an event in Chennai on Monday, Army chief General Bipin Rawat has said Pakistan has reactivated the Balakot camp and about 500 infiltrators were waiting to sneak into India. The response to the terror camp working again may go beyond India's previous response by way of an air strike, he told reporters at the Officers Training Academy in the Tamil Nadu capital.

Reacting to his statement, Pakistan's Foreign Office said the Indian Army Chief's statement is "completely baseless".

The allegation of "infiltration" from Pakistan reflects "a desperate attempt" of India to divert international attention from the "humanitarian crisis" in

Situation very bad, no sign of freedom of speech in Kashmir: Azad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 24

SENIOR CONGRESS leader and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday described the situation in Kashmir as "very bad", adding that "there was no sign of freedom of speech".

When asked about his four-day visit to Kashmir, the former CM said, "Bahut kharab, bahut kharab (very bad, very bad). I was not allowed to visit even 10 per cent of the places I wanted to go."

About the ground report, he said he would file it when he returns to Delhi after a two-day stay in Jammu. To another question on the Valley, he said, "There is no sign of freedom

of speech."

Later in the day, he met delegations from different sections of society including students, traders, farmers, other backward classes, Christians and Congress workers.

According to Congress spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Azad has asked the administration to allow him visit Jammu city and Government Medical College Hospital, but the response is awaited.

Azad reached here following his visit to Kashmir after a Supreme Court nod. The court had allowed him to visit four districts of Srinagar, Baramulla, Anantnag and Jammu, asked him to interact with people and file a ground report on the situation.

Congress moves EC against Haryana CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE CONGRESS on Tuesday asked for the Election Commission of India (EC)'s intervention on Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's action of allegedly writing to farmers in his state, asking for them to vote for the BJP.

The Opposition party said that in the poll-bound state, Khattar "has been writing letters to thousands of farmers in Haryana requesting them to vote for BJP advertising their 'achievements' and further promising to increase their income by 2022."

Calling Khattar's move a "blatant violation of the Model Code of Conduct" the party asked ECI to take steps against Khattar.

The party also mentioned

hoardings advertising the state government's achievements in the state. It said in the memorandum that "hoardings, advertisements, etc. featuring the present Chief Minister of Haryana and projecting his government's 'achievements' are being displayed prominently at public places and most notably, petrol pump stations, State Government Hospitals".

Congress asked ECI to direct Khattar government that "no advertisements should be issued in newspapers and other media...at the cost of public exchequer".

In another memorandum Congress asked for "immediate retirement" of Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Barve. It said that Ministry of Home Affairs had extended his tenure beyond his retirement, which was due on August 31.

BJP's DEMAND FOR LONG, STATE GOVT RECENTLY IDENTIFIED 10 ACRES FOR PROJECT

Kovind to visit Odisha, lay foundation for Paika memorial

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, SEPT 24

PRESIDENT RAM Nath Kovind will visit Odisha's Khordha district on September 27-28 to lay the foundation stone of a memorial dedicated to the 1817 Paika Rebellion against the British.

The BJP had been demanding that the state government identify land for the Paika memorial — a project planned and proposed by the central government. Earlier this month, the state government identified 10 acres for the memorial in Khordha.

Thanking the state government, Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan had said the memorial would be a "pil-

grimage centre" for Odias.

Over the last two years, top BJP leaders have been paying homage to Paika Rebellion leader Bakshi Jagabandhu. "History is living inspiration," Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said during an event to honour descendants of the Paika Rebellion in Bhubaneswar in 2017. "This capability, valour, sacrifice and meditation (of figures like Bakshi) should be learnt, understood and lived by future generations."

Bakshi (Commander) Jagabandhu Bidyadhar Mahapatra Bhramaraber Ray was the military chief of the then Khordha Raja, who roused and led Paikas (peasant militia) and Kandhs (tribals) in a military at-



Ram Nath Kovind

tack on the British in 1817. He had lost his Rorang Garh estate due to procedural errors in revenue payment to the British. After seven years of evading arrest, in May 1825, he surrendered in Cuttack and was granted a pension till he died in 1829.

Historians since the nineteenth century have presented

the Rebellion and its leader Jagabandhu through different lenses. Assigning Paika Rebellion the status of a "freedom movement", historian B C Ray wrote in 1959 that "nowhere in India on the regional level, in the pre-nationalist age, a freedom movement was so carefully planned and so vigorously launched".

Professor Chandi Nanda, who in 2017 co-edited a compendium on Paika Rebellion, explained the roots of this "valorising" narrative on Jagabandhu. "After independence, nationalist historians initially ignored Bakshi along with many regional rebels against the British. Regional sentiment and pride was thought to be retrograde at a time when a newly formed na-

tion was to be united," he said. "When history became a state sponsored project, another group of historians revived Bakshi Jagabandhu by emphasising his martial prowess and ability to lead a coalition of groups."

However, Yamini Mubayi, in a 1998 research paper on the Rebellion, surmised Jagabandhu carried an "acknowledgement of British overlordship. (His protest was an) appeal to their sense of justice. (as) he was deprived of possessions and status."

Regional historians such as Harekrishna Mahtab and SC De, writing in 1957, argued that Jagabandhu was a pragmatist who "knew that it was futile to try to dislodge the British. He

took up arms to direct the attention of authorities to gross injustices they had perpetrated on a peaceful population".

Colonial historians, like G Toynbee and W W Hunter, had tried to cast the Rebellion as a backlash against "foreigners" (Bengalis), who benefitted from the existing rules on land sales and litigation system changed after the Maratha conquest of 'Orissa'.

Contesting that 1817 was more anti-Bengali than anti-colonial, Nanda said, "Bakshi also rose against the colonial power, attacking colonial symbols like government offices at Banpur, killing reportedly 100 people and looting (Rs 15,000) from the government treasury."



NORTH

Two constables get life imprisonment for murder

Lucknow: A court in Mainpuri district has sentenced two police constables to life imprisonment for the murder of a youth following a scuffle in 2013. One of the constables had later shot the deceased, Anuj Kumar, with a country-made pistol. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 each. The convicts, **ENS**



Rescue efforts underway after a portion of a five-storey building collapsed in Khar area of Mumbai. A 10-year-old girl was killed and two people were injured. *Express*

EAST

Maoists blow up oil tanker in Chhattisgarh; three killed

Raipur: Three people were killed when Maoists blew up an oil tanker with an improvised explosive device (IED) in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district on Tuesday, police said. The incident took place around 10 am when the diesel-laden tanker was engaged in rail track laying work in Rowghat area, IGP (Bastar **PTI**

range) Vivekanand Sinha said. The tanker had left from Tumapal camp of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) to provide fuel to vehicles engaged in Dallirajhra-Rowghat railway project work. When it reached near Patkalbeda village, the IED exploded, killing its three occupants on the spot, police said. **PTI**

WEST

Man beats wife to death, tries to pass it off as accident

Nashik: A 65-year-old man allegedly beat his wife to death and later tried to pass it off as a road accident in Maharashtra's Nashik district, police said on Tuesday. On Monday, Namdev Rajaram Bhor, a resident of Vinchurdalvi village, had an argument with his wife Hirabai (58), an official at Sinnar police station said. **PTI**

After the quarrel, Bhor, in a fit of rage, thrashed his wife severely and she died, he said. He then took the body and laid it on Bhagur-Pandhurli road nearby to make it look like an accident, he said. The post-mortem revealed that the woman died after being assaulted, the official said. The accused was arrested and booked, police said. **PTI**

SOUTH

Accused of theft, teenager sets himself on fire

Hyderabad: A 16-year-old boy committed suicide by setting himself on fire after villagers accused him of theft at a village in Mahabubnagar district of Telangana, police said on Tuesday. According to an official, the incident occurred on September 23. The boy, a Class 10 student, allegedly stole Rs 30,000 on Sunday from a **PTI**

parked car. Village elders called for a meeting and reprimanded the boy, the official said. Police were informed that the boy returned Rs 15,000. However, after being insulted by villagers, the teenager set himself on fire, the officer said. He was rushed to hospital where he succumbed to injuries. **PTI**

RBI puts restrictions on PMC Bank; panic among depositors at branches

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE RBI on Tuesday slapped restrictions on Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative Bank Limited (PMC Bank), a leading cooperative bank headquartered in Mumbai, for various irregularities. The move created panic among thousands of depositors.

In its directions to the bank, which has a deposit base of Rs 11,617 crore, the central bank said depositors will be allowed to withdraw only Rs 1,000 of the total balance in every savings bank account or current account or any other deposit account. Hundreds of customers rushed to PMC Bank branches across Maharashtra as soon as the announcement came. There was chaos around the branches as customers were unable to withdraw more than Rs 1,000.

The RBI also said the bank will not be able to grant or renew any loans and advances, make any investment, incur any liability including borrowal of funds and acceptance of fresh deposits, disburse or agree to disburse any payment whether in discharge of its liabilities and obligations without prior approval in writing from the Reserve Bank of India.

Though the RBI did not disclose the specific lapses on the part of the bank, banking sources cited under-reporting of non-performing assets (NPAs) as the main reason for the regulatory action. While the bank reported 3.76 per cent of advances as gross NPAs in March 2019, the actual NPA level is likely to be much higher, sources said.

The bank's Managing



Outside a PMC Bank branch in Kopar Khairane in Navi Mumbai. *Narendra Vaskar*

Director Joy Thomas took "responsibility" for the "irregularities". "I, Joy Thomas, MD, regret to inform you that your PMC Bank has been put under regulatory restriction... due to irregularities disclosed to the RBI. As the MD of the bank, I take the responsibility and assure all the depositors that these irregularities will be rectified before the expiry of six months," he said.

"All efforts are made to remove the restrictions by rectifying the irregularities. I know it is a difficult time for all of you and any apology may not restore the pain you are undergoing," Thomas said in a text message to

the customers.

Meanwhile, worried depositors flooded social media with complaints. "What will happen to the customers of PMC Bank. It's our hard earned money... Customers in shock and pain. Who will answer? The bank or the RBI?" said a depositor.

Shailesh Prabhudesai, who runs an IT firm in Ratnagiri, said, "The RBI should have acted against the bank's employees instead of punishing account holders."

The RBI has told the bank not to enter into any compromise or arrangement and not to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets ex-

cept as notified in the RBI directions dated September 23, 2019. The RBI directions will remain in force for a period of six months from the closing of business of the bank on September 23, 2019, it said. The audit of the bank is likely to be over by then and the RBI is expected to take measures to strengthen its operations.

According to the RBI, the directions should not be construed as cancellation of banking licence.

PMC Bank has 137 branches across seven states with 81 branches in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane and Palghar regions. The bank reported net

Court orders relocation of Unnao rape victim to Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

A DELHI COURT on Tuesday ordered relocation of the Unnao rape victim and her family to the capital after her relatives told the court that they wish to shift to the city as they fear for their lives in their village.

The court directed that after being discharged from AIIMS Trauma Centre, the victim be shifted to a hostel for seven days.

According to a senior doctor at AIIMS, the victim has already been discharged from the hospital. She was critically injured in an accident on July 28, when the car in which she was travelling collided with a truck in Rae Bareilly.

"She has been discharged on September 19 and will be coming back to the hospital for a follow-up



Accused MLA Kuldeep Sengar

in the first week of October," said a senior doctor from AIIMS. Recently, a temporary court was convened inside the AIIMS trauma centre to record her testimony.

The court order on her relocation came after the CBI conducted a threat assessment and came to the conclusion that the victim's family members are facing category-A threat.

Kuldeep Sengar, who represents Bangarmau in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly, is an accused in the rape case and has also been booked for murder in connection with the accident.

Chinmayanand case: Court admits law student's bail plea, seeks SIT reply

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 24

A LOCAL court in Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday admitted an anticipatory bail petition filed by the law student, who has accused former Lok Sabha MP Swami Chinmayanand of sexual assault and has been booked for allegedly blackmailing and trying to extort money from the BJP leader. The court, after hearing the plea, asked the SIT probing the matter to file its reply and fixed September 26 for the next hearing.

"Anticipatory bail application was filed by the girl in the court of District Judge and it was heard by Additional District and Session Judge Sudhir Kumar, who was today holding the charge of the district judge. The



Chinmayanand

court directed SIT to file its reply with documents related to the case. Without giving any interim protection, the court has fixed September 26 for the next hearing on the application," said Anuj Kumar, District Government Counsel, Shahjahanpur.

The victim was present in court during the hearing along with her father on Tuesday.

The move comes a day after the Allahabad High Court re-

jected the student's application seeking a stay against her arrest. The court said it was not a proper forum and asked the victim to apply in an appropriate court.

The SIT on Tuesday took two of the three accused into police custody in the extortion case. The SIT team reached Shahjahanpur jail, where the accused are lodged, with the court order which Monday granted their 95-hour custody.

Meanwhile, Chinmayanand was Tuesday shifted to the Medical Intensive Care Unit at the SGPGI in Lucknow after he complained of angina pain. Chinmayanand was brought to the SGPGI on Monday from Shahjahanpur jail. According to a statement issued by SGPGI, Chinmayanand's angiography was conducted on Monday and no significant blockage was found.

Vadra opposes ED plea against anticipatory bail in Delhi HC

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ROBERT VADRA has opposed the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) plea against his anticipatory bail in a money laundering case in the Delhi High Court, saying the agency has "no material" to sup-

port the case against him and they are doing a "fishing and roving" probe.

Vadra, son-in-law of Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, also said in his reply filed in the High Court registry that there was not a single instance of his non-cooperation in the investigation and that there was no risk

of him tampering with any evidence as the ED has already seized every document pertaining to the case from him.

Vadra's response came on the ED's plea seeking cancellation of the anticipatory bail granted to him in April by the trial court, saying that they require his custody as he was not

cooperating in the investigation.

Vadra is facing probe in connection with allegations of money laundering in purchase of a London-based property worth 1.9 million pounds.

Vadra's role cropped up during the investigation of cases related to alleged arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari, who is wanted

in India for alleged offences ranging from violation of foreign exchange rules to black money and routing kickbacks in defence deals.

The reply, however, claimed that "Vadra has no properties outside India whatsoever, nor does he have any beneficial ownership of any property outside India".



Amitabh Bachchan

Dadasaheb Phalke award for Amitabh Bachchan

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AMITABH BACHCHAN, one of the most influential stars of his generation, was on Tuesday named the Dadasaheb Phalke award recipient for the year 2018 for his contribution to the Indian film industry.

The award comes in a year when 76-year-old Bachchan completes 50 years as an actor.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar confirmed the news in a Twitter post.

"The legend Amitabh Bachchan who entertained and inspired for 2 generations has been selected unanimously for #DadaSahabPhalke award. The entire country and international community is happy. My heartiest Congratulations to him. @narendramodi @SrBachchan," Javadekar tweeted, tagging both the Prime Minister and the actor.

The government honoured Bachchan with the Padma Shri in 1984, the Padma Bhushan in 2001 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2015 for his contributions to the arts.

Considered the highest honour for an artiste in Indian cinema, the award comprises a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize of Rs 10,00,000.

RSS will disown any member if found guilty of violence: Bhagwat

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RSS CHIEF Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday interacted with journalists working for foreign media organisations in the country. In the interaction which lasted nearly three hours, Bhagwat emphasised that abrogating Jammu and Kashmir's special status will help in its integration with the country.

Bhagwat told the foreign journalists that Kashmiris were earlier "alienated", but now after Article 370 has been left ineffective, the barriers it had put up will be removed.

Bhagwat told the journalists that fears of Kashmiris about "losing land and jobs should be allayed".

He explained that the National Register of Citizens in Assam was to identify Indians and not to "expel" people.

Talking about the incidents of lynchings across the country, the RSS chief said that his organisation condemns all forms of violence and will "disown" any RSS member if found guilty.

Bhagwat reiterated the view of the RSS on bringing a Uniform Civil Code. Regarding the economic slowdown, he stated that there is no "policy paralysis" in the government, but refrained from commenting on the economy, stating that the RSS was not an expert on the subject.

In a statement, the RSS stated that around "80 journalists representing more than 50 organisations" attended the interaction.

STUDY BY NGO ON STATUS OF WOMEN RELEASED

Men can't decide for women, women have the power: RSS chief

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

PITCHING FOR women, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said that men should not take decisions for women but support women in their pursuit of progress, while Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman called for more access and opportunity rather than token participation for women.

"Men cannot take decisions for women. Men should not think that they know better than women to guide them to make progress. Women have the power and are capable of decision-making," Bhagwat said at an event to release the report 'Status of Women in India', a study by Drishti Stree Adhyayan Prabodhan Kendra, an NGO working with the RSS.

Bhagwat, who had earlier drawn criticism for his remarks

on women, said that women are multi-taskers. "We have forgotten what women can do. They can multitask. Even the one who runs the house has a role to play. Men are not capable of doing such things."

He added: "Nature has given men power to hunt and strength to work hard... but they cannot run things. Women can."

In 2013, Bhagwat's remarks on husband-wife relations had triggered a controversy. "A husband and wife are involved in a contract under which the husband has said that you should take care of my house and I will take care of all your needs. I will keep you safe. So, the husband follows the contract terms. Till the time the wife follows the contract, the husband stays with her, if the wife violates the contract, he can disown her," he was quoted as saying at a rally in Indore.

The study comes at a time



RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at the event in New Delhi on Tuesday. *Abhinav Sahara*

when the RSS has decided to focus on women. In its last coordination meeting in Rajasthan's Pushkar, the Sangh had decided to focus more on women, espe-

cially those from tribal regions, in its activities.

While Bhagwat advised men to start making such changes at home, if not for the society,

Sitharaman said what women needed was not tokenism. "Access makes a big difference to women. Getting access to facilities such as education and primary health have multiplier effect... Consultation is not enough... None of us wants token participation... There should be genuine access that makes true contribution," she said.

But, she added, one should see how women are using the opportunities. "There are two sides to it. We have laws making it mandatory for women's participation. To be honest, we don't get women for them. It's not because there are not capable women. There are women, but they do not come forward... Women should come out of the comfort zones, they should leave the doubting zones."

The study was conducted across 29 states and five UTs based on the responses of 74,095

women, said the organisation. The survey found that illiteracy and school dropout rates are high among Scheduled Tribes.

Other interesting findings are that a sizeable number of women below 25 years of age are entering the spiritual field, and increasing age in getting married is the practice. There is a shift from the joint family structure to nuclear families, though it still exists in western, northeastern regions and Maoist-affected areas of Chhattisgarh. It also found that schemes, voter card, Aadhaar card are implemented more effectively in conflict zone regions, women in employment are still deprived of statutory and non-statutory facilities at workplaces, more than one-tenth of women take only one major ingredient in their meals and that age, education and marital status is related to the level of happiness.

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Burdwan blast case: NIA makes fresh seizures at JMB hideout

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BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 24

A TOP member of the Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh, who was involved in the 2014 Burdwan blast case in West Bengal and arrested in the Ramanagara district of Karnataka in August 2018, has led the NIA to materials used for making IEDs at a house used as a hideout near the Electronic City in Bengaluru, the NIA said in a statement on Tuesday.

Jahidul Islam alias Kausar alias Muneer Sheikh alias Shujanmiya, 38, is described as a “senior leader of the JMB” in a chargesheet filed by the NIA in the Burdwan blast case on March 27, 2015.

Two cuboid shaped batteries wrapped with plastic tape and electrical wire, one capacitor, three switches, one micro lithium cell, a plastic transparent box containing black colour chemical wrapped in a white paper, hand gloves, identity cards, rent agreement of one of the hideouts and handwritten letters in Bengali language” were found, the NIA said. “A digital camera and silver articles looted during dacoities in Bengaluru in 2018 have also been seized by NIA on the basis of information provided by Jahidul Islam,” the agency said.

Kausar also pointed out places along the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border where he along with his associate Habibur Rehman (28) and two others “test-fired three rocket shells prepared using a crude device during June-October 2017” and a spot where they hid the remnants, the NIA said.

In July, the NIA had raided the group’s hideout in north Bengaluru and found five improvised hand grenades, three fabricated grenade caps, three IED circuits, one timer device, two rocket bends, a 9 mm pistol with live rounds, an air gun and other materials. According to the NIA, Kausar was a visitor to the house in Burdwan where the blast occurred in October 2014 and is a “senior trainer of terrorist camps organised by the JMB in India”. He was tracked down to Karnataka last year after he established contact with an associate in Kerala.

Ravi Pujari’s custody: Gujarat police contact Senegal

Ahmedabad: Gujarat Police have contacted the Republic of Senegal for deportation and custody of gangster Ravi Pujari, against whom at least 20 cases of extortion and making threat calls are pending in the state, a top police officer said on Tuesday.

Pujari, who had been on the run for the last 15 years, was arrested from a hotel in Dakar, the capital of Senegal, on January 22 this year.

Director General of Police (CID- Crime and Railways) Ashish Bhatia on Tuesday said the police contacted the Senegal government through the Union Home ministry for deportation and custody of Pujari.

According to officials, several businessmen had received extortion calls from Pujari, and several MLAs of Gujarat Congress, including state party chief Amit Chavda, had allegedly received threat calls from him, according to them.

Independent MLA Jignesh Mevani and Gujarat Cooperative Milk Federation (GCMF) Managing Director RS Sodhi had also allegedly received threat calls from the gangster. **PTI**

SC: Police don’t have power to seize, attach immovable property during criminal probe

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday held that police do not have any power under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) to seize, attach and seal any immovable property during investigation of a criminal case.

The top court said if a police officer is allowed to seize immovable property on mere suspicion of commission of an offence, it would mean giving a “drastic and extreme power” to dispossess the owner of the property on mere conjecture.

“The reference is answered by holding that the power of a police officer under Section 102 of the Code to seize any property, which

TOP COURT SEEKS REMEDY FROM GOVT

Why should someone be able to troll me & spread lies, asks SC

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

EXPRESSING SERIOUS concern over trolling and the dangers of online technology abuse, the Supreme Court Tuesday directed the Ministry of Information Technology to file an affidavit within three weeks on how it plans to get social media platforms share information with law enforcement agencies without compromising privacy rights.

“The way this technology is going is dangerous. I was telling someone I want to give up my smartphone,” Justice Deepak Gupta who, along with Justice Aniruddha Bose, was hearing Facebook’s plea urging the bench to transfer to itself four petitions pending in different High Courts, seeking linking of Aadhaar to social media accounts.

Referring to instances of on-line crime and trolling, Justice Gupta wondered why the law should not require the service provider to part with information on the originator of the message, if need be.

“Why should someone be able to troll me and spread lies?... Nowadays, people write anything and get away. There is no fear. Governments can protect themselves. But what is the remedy for an individual? An individual whose reputation gets tarnished... should be able to go to court and seek compensation,” he said.

He said he had attempted to try and understand what the dark web was all about and realised how easy it was to buy an AK-47 online. “I learnt it within half an hour,” he said.

Unimpressed by arguments that messages on some social

media platforms like WhatsApp are encrypted, Justice Gupta said “if there is technology to encrypt, then there must be some technology to decrypt too”.

Appearing for Tamil Nadu (one of the petitions referred to in the Facebook transfer plea is pending before the Madras High Court), Attorney General K K Venugopal said social media platforms were trying to evade the hearing before the High Court.

Opposing the prayer for transfer, Venugopal said “these companies have no business to operate in India if they cannot co-operate with law enforcement agencies”.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for WhatsApp, countered this: “Stop using it. Do not use WhatsApp”.

He said “a highway in Spain is projected as a highway of India

by the Ministry of Highways”.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the Centre, told the bench that the Ministry was already working on drawing up guidelines, but it was not possible to fix a time-frame for the process. He said the Centre was not opposed to the Madras High Court deciding the petition before it.

Mehta also expressed concern over fake clips fuelling hate crimes but agreed with the court on the need to balance privacy with public interest.

Justice Gupta underlined the need to balance the proposed guidelines with privacy needs.

“There have to be strict guidelines. But my privacy should also be protected. My personal information cannot be entirely disclosed just because some police commissioner asked for it.”



GUARD OF HONOUR

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inspects the guard of honour during the Coast Guard Investiture Ceremony in Chennai on Tuesday. Speaking at the event, he cited the 2008 Mumbai terror attack and asked maritime agencies to maintain a constant vigil. He presented 61 medals to officers and personnel during the ceremony. **PTI**

CBI, ED have not found any evidence of payment by INX: Chidambaram to HC

PRITAMPAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

RAJYA SABHA member and former Union minister P Chidambaram on Tuesday told the Delhi High Court that all officers involved in processing files relating to FIPB approval for INX Media are out, as they have done the “right thing”, but the then Finance minister is in “jail”.

“Being a former Home minister and Finance minister is a crime in this country,” senior advocate Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Singhvi, representing Chidambaram, told Justice Suresh Kumar Kait, who is hearing the bail application filed by the Congress leader in the INX Media case, for which he is custody in Tihar Jail.

The court directed Chidambaram’s lawyers to file an affidavit disclosing the source of certain government documents relating to FIPB approval granted to the company, which were being referred to by his lawyers during the hearing of his bail plea.

Sibal and Singhvi argued that so far as allegations of personal gains to Chidambaram is concerned, it is submitted that the “only alleged overt act is payment and receipt of alleged illegal gratification of Rs 10 lakh”.

“It has not even been alleged by CBI that any other illegal gratification was actually paid, or any such payments have been discovered. Pertinently, even as per CBI’s allegation, the said alleged payments of Rs 10 lakh has been



Former Union Minister P Chidambaram

made to one Advantage Strategic Consulting Pvt Ltd, and not (to) Mr Chidambaram,” Singhvi contended.

The counsel said neither CBI nor ED has found even an “iota of evidence of any payment by INX Media or INX News to petitioner (Chidambaram)”.

The two counsels, along with senior advocates Salman Khurshid, Dayan Krishnan and N Hariharan, argued that CBI and ED did not have evidence of any undisclosed bank account, undisclosed property, or undisclosed shell company owned by Chidambaram. They said none of offences invoked by CBI against Chidambaram are attracted in this case, and that it will be “foolish” for a person of his profile to “tamper with evidence”, as claimed by CBI.

Singhvi also submitted that Chidambaram is being “painted black” on basis of the testimony of Indrani Mukerjea, who is accused of murdering her own daughter.

He said: “My impeachment is on her (Mukerjea’s) testimony, who if the agency tells that the moon is on earth and earth is on moon, will say so. No credibility can be attached to the statements of Mukerjea.”

KARTARPUR CORRIDOR PROJECT

Punjab govt seeks Rs 39 cr one-time grant from Centre for security, infrastructure

State asked to explore chances of using existing facilities

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 24

THE PUNJAB government has asked for Rs 39.02 crore as a one-time grant from the Centre to establish ‘robust security and policing infrastructure’ at Dera Baba Nanak for the Kartarpur Corridor Project.

Out of Rs 39.02 crore, Rs 18 crore was sought for setting up of facilitation centres, Rs 16.34 crore for security, Rs 2.88 crore for healthcare services and Rs 1.8 crore for fire safety equipment.

In its response, which was received by the office of the Punjab chief secretary earlier this month, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs requested that the concerned state government authorities be directed to explore the possibility using existing/operational government-run Suvidha Kendras and other centres including police-run centres to facilitate the pilgrims intending to visit Kartarpur Sahib. The communicate by the Secretary (border management) noted that concerned divisions of the Home Ministry had been directed to “examine the requirements of security, fire safety equipment and healthcare services under the relevant schemes/funds”.



A dedicated portal for pilgrimage is likely to be operational by mid-October. **Express File**

rected to “examine the requirements of security, fire safety equipment and healthcare services under the relevant schemes/funds”.

A dedicated portal for pilgrimage to Kartarpur Sahib is likely to be operational by mid-October, when people will be able to apply for the pilgrimage.

A representative of the Punjab government had — at a meeting of the empowered committee held earlier this month to review the project’s progress —

informed that concerned authorities in the state will sensitise the public to use the Suvidha Kendras/facilitation centres.

The portal will be developed by the Bureau of Investigation. The Punjab government was asked to provide an officer conversant with Gurmukhi to develop the portal. Pakistan had recently said it would open the Corridor for Indian Sikh pilgrims on November 9, three days before the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak.



Most of the 1,300-plus children who died of encephalitis in Gorakhpur in 2017 were admitted to BRD Hospital. **Express File**

door campaign to highlight the importance of hygiene, Dastak, was launched in January. We have intensified that campaign.”

Rajesh Mani, an activist who has petitioned the Allahabad High Court and the NHRC on the matter, contests the BRD Hospital figures. “Such a sharp drop in the disease is difficult to believe,” he says.

But, Dr Mittal says, the reason for this is a new pathogen in the encephalitis mix: scrub typhus. Unlike JE and enteroviruses (also known to cause encephalitis), scrub typhus is a bacteria but leads to symptoms similar to encephalitis. About 40 per cent of the encephalitis cases in Gorakhpur last year were scrub typhus cases, she argues, adding that it is much easier to treat and detect. “Scrub typhus can easily be identified with a scar near the elbow that seems like a burn mark left by a cigarette.”

A doctor at a primary health centre in Gorakhpur talks about

how this “confusion” about the disease’s causative factors makes their job tougher.

Regretting that encephalitis was still not “demystified”, Dr Singh talks about the time he was a doctor at BRD Hospital in the 1970s, when the first JE cases were seen in the region. “We had very little means of diagnosing the disease, except analysing the spinal fluid.”

Between 1977 and 2004, JE claimed more than 500 children every year in Gorakhpur. By 2005, when a major outbreak killed more than 1,300 children, Dr Singh had left his post, seeking to “introspect on where we were going wrong”.

In early 2006, he, along with families of JE victims, petitioned the government for a National Programme for Eradication of Encephalitis, and it agreed to a vaccination drive. By then, the National Institute of Virology (NIV) had also begun an extensive study on JE.

Man beaten to death, body dragged for 10 km, says UP Police

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MEERUT, SEPTEMBER 24

A 21-YEAR-OLD man was bludgeoned to death by three unidentified persons on the Meerut-Bulandshahr Highway near Hapur Tuesday, police said.

The culprits then tied his body, wrapped in a bedsheet, to their motorcycle and dragged it on the road for nearly ten kilometres, police said. They dumped the body in Hapur’s Kharkhauda town and fled, added the police.

Police identified the deceased as Mukul, who hailed from Bulandshahr but had been living in Hapur for the past year.

Local residents spotted the body and a police team also reached the spot following the trail of blood on the route along which the corpse was dragged. “We also found a motorcycle in the area where the body was dumped and based on its registration number, we traced the owner, Chandrapal. He claimed that his son had given the bike to Mukul,” said Manish Bisht, the in-charge of Kharkhoda police station.

“A case was registered against unidentified persons and a search is on for them,” said SP(Rural) Avinash Pandey.

Saradha case: Rajeev Kumar claims CBI ‘hounding’ him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 24

THE CALCUTTA High Court will hear former Kolkata police commissioner Rajeev Kumar's anticipatory bail plea on Wednesday, in connection to the Saradha hit fund case. While requesting the court to hear Kumar's bail plea urgently, his counsel claimed that the CBI was "hounding" him.

Before a division bench, presided by Justice S Munshi, Kumar's counsel Debasish Roy submitted that "the CBI is hounding me (Kumar) like anything." On hearing this, Justice S Dasgupta said, "Go and surrender."

According to sources, Kumar was on leave till September 25. He has been evading summons ever since the Calcutta High Court vacated its order granting

protection to him from arrest in connection with the case.

Meanwhile, the CBI sleuths on Tuesday continued their search to track down Kumar. The officials raided at least five places in Kolkata and other districts in search of him.

The CBI claimed that Kumar was not cooperating with them in the probe and had been evading summons on frivolous grounds.

"It has unnecessarily delayed the probe and is affecting the investigation," said an official associated with the investigation. Sources claimed CBI is now looking towards filing another chargesheet and may name Kumar in the same. He had been accused of tampering with crucial evidence related to the case.

Last week the CBI had sent letters to the Chief Secretary, Home Secretary and the Deputy General of Police, but no one could share any details regarding the whereabouts of Kumar.

UP CABINET MEETING Law exempting CM, ministers from paying income tax to be amended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 24

PUTTING AN end to a 40-year-old practice, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on Tuesday gave its approval to amend the law that exempted all the ministers, including the chief minister, from paying their income tax, which was borne by the government exchequer.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had earlier asked his ministers to start paying income tax from their own pockets from the coming financial year. A proposal in this regard was placed before the Cabinet, which was approved on Tuesday.

"...*Woh parampara jo purani chahi thi, woh samapt ho gayi... Bhavishya mein sabhi log apna income tax bhi khud se pay karenge.*" (The old tradition, which was going on, has come to an end. In the future, everyone



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow on Tuesday. Vishal Srivastav

now will have to pay their own income tax)," Power Minister and government spokesperson Srikant Sharma told mediapersons after the Cabinet meeting.

"State Cabinet chaired by CM Yogi Adityanath has decided the ministers will now pay their own taxes and recommended amend-

ment in Uttar Pradesh Ministers' Salaries, Allowances and Miscellaneous Act, 1981... As the Assembly is not in session, it (amendment Bill) will be tabled in the House when it meets," Sharma said, adding that Rs 86.87 lakh was paid as income tax bill of the ministers by the state exchequer for the past financial year.

As per Uttar Pradesh Ministers' Salaries, Allowances and Miscellaneous Act, 1981, the state government has been paying the income tax of the ministers from state exchequer since 1981. The section of the Act read, "The salary referred to in subsection (1) and (2) shall be exclusive of the tax payable in respect of such salary (including perquisites) under any law relating to income tax for the time being in force, and such tax shall be borne by the state".

The law was enacted during the government of VP Singh, which was then followed by successive governments in the state. It was argued in 1981 that the state government should bear the income tax burden as most ministers were from poor backgrounds and had meagre incomes, a Congress leader and a colleague of the then chief minister V P Singh said.

NEET IMPERSONATION CASE Absconding MBBS student moves Madras HC for bail

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 24

AN MBBS student, who is absconding along with his father after being booked in a case of alleged impersonation for admission in Theni Medical College, has moved an anticipatory bail plea in the Madras High Court, saying his arrest would make him a victim of media exaggeration.

The Madras HC on Tuesday observed that the charges were serious in nature and adjourned the case to October 1.

KV Udit Surya and his father V K Venkatesan, a senior government doctor in Chennai's Stanley Medical College, are absconding since September 17 after the Theni police booked Surya under IPC sections 419, 420 and 120 (B).

Venkatesan's frequent trips to Mumbai," Baskaran said.

According to the Stanley Medical College authorities, Dr Venkatesan stopped coming to work after applying for 10-day leave on September 16.

A detailed investigation by the police and state directorate of medical education found that Surya allegedly sought the help of touts to hire a person, reportedly from Mumbai, to clear the NEET exam after he failed to pass it in two attempts.

Surya was voluntarily allowed to discontinue the course after Theni Medical College management questioned him following a complaint that his photo in the college admission card was different from the one in the NEET marks card and other documents.

In his letter to the Director of Medical Education (DME), Surya cited "depression" and family problems for his decision to quit the MBBS course. After the issue was reported in the media, the government had ordered a massive verification in the state's 24 medical colleges to find if there were similar cases.

In his plea on September 20, Surya said a reporter approached him stating that his photo in the admit card and other documents were different. He claimed that the media reported that there was an impersonation even after he gave a clarification. He said his arrest would make him a victim of media exaggeration. The bail petition said all documents were available with authorities and that there is no need for custodial interrogation.

However, the government counsel maintained that the student has to surrender for inquiry and that the case has been handed over to the CB-CID.

Investigators said they have searched Surya's house in Tondiarpet in Chennai last week but the family was missing.

Before the case was transferred to the CB-CID on Monday, Theni SP V Baskaran, who led the investigation, told The Indian Express that the role of both the son and father was being probed. "We have gone through their call records and bank transactions. They took money from the bank account a day before they disappeared. We have a tip off that the student who originally appeared for the NEET exam in the name of Surya was from Mumbai. We also found evidence of Dr

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Tender No: 272/UJ.E.U.-2/AYODHYA/RNN/19 DATE: 20-09-2019
The Unit Incharge, Electrical Unit-2 invite for and on behalf of Managing Director U.P. Rajkiya Nirman Nigam Ltd., online QCBS composite bids in two bid system for the following work:
NIT No: 272, Dated 20.09.2019, Name of work: Consultancy Charges For The Work Of Digital Intervention At Ramkatha Museum Ayodhya. Estimated Bid Value: Rs 9.38,51,000.00, Earnest Money: Rs 25,000.00, Period of Completion: Till the completion of project. Last time and date of submission of bid: 3:00 PM on 30.09.2019.
The bid forms and other details can be obtained/downloaded from the website: <https://etender.up.nic.in>. The press notice is also available on <http://www.upnm.co.in>.

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. निविदा निरस्तिकरण सूचना ई-निविदा संख्या टी-75/19-20 किसी निविदाकर्ता द्वारा भाग न लिये जाने के कारण निरस्त की जाती है। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मंडल उ.प्र.पा.ट्रा.का.लि., 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा। "राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचाएँ"
कृपया वेब साईट etender.up.nic.in पर सभी सूचना, अन्य संशोधन/ विस्तार हेतु निविदा खुलने की तिथि तक लॉग ऑन करें। पत्रांक 1733 वि.पा.मं./ग्रे.न./T-75/2019-20 दिनांक:- 21.09.2019

e-Procurement Cell
JHARKHAND STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LTD., RANCHI

Very Short Term e-Procurement Notice
Date -24-09-2019

Sr. No	Tender Reference No.	Work Name	Amount in (Rs)	Completion Time
1	JSBCC/36/2019-20	Construction of Astroturf Hockey Stadium and Sports Hostel at Khunti	9,62,69,565	15 Months
2	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	01.10.2019 at 11:00 AM		
3	Start Date of Submission of Bids	03.10.2019 at 11:00 AM		
4	Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids	15.10.2019 at 11:00 AM		
5	Last Date/Time of Submission of Bid Security Money and Tender Fee	17.10.2019 upto 11:30 AM.		
6	Date/Time of opening of Bid	17.10.2019 at 12:00 PM		
7	Name & Address of office Inviting tender	e-Procurement Cell, Jharkhand State Building Corporation Ltd., Ranchi.		Construction
8	Helpline Number of e-procurement Cell	0651-2446259		
9	e-mail ID	jsbclj@jharkhand@gmail.com		

Any change can be seen on Website <http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.
Any other information can be seen on <http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.
PR 217915 Jharkhand State Building Construction Corp. Ltd.(19-20)D
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Executive Director
Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi.

Daya Nayak transferred to Maharashtra ATS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 24

'ENCOUNTER' FAME police officer Daya Nayak was transferred to the Anti-Terrorism Squad of Maharashtra police on Tuesday, an official said.

Daya Nayak, who holds the rank of a police inspector, was attached to the Amboli police station in the city, the official added.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
ई-निविदा

Tender No. EL/50/05/2019-20 Dt. 23.09.19
निम्नलिखित कार्य/कार्यों हेतु ई-निविदा निर्धारित फार्म पर, उप. मुख्य विजली इंजीनियर (कारखाना) अजमेर के कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। 1. कार्य का नाम व स्थान : Ajmer Group of workshop : Repair & maintenance of electrical assets of buildings & area under jurisdiction of SSE/Loco motor & SSE/Carriage motor, Ajmer for two years) 2. अनुमानित राशि : Rs. 43,47,628.27/- 3. ई-निविदा फार्म की राशि : Rs. 3000/- 4. बयाना राशि : Rs. 87,000/- 5. ई-निविदा फार्म जमा (Submit) करने की तारीख एवं समय एवं ई-निविदा खोलने की तारीख एवं समय : 17.10.2019 at 15.00 Hrs. एवं 17.10.2019 at 15.30 Hrs. 6. वेबसाइट का प्लॉग जहाँ से ई-निविदा की पूर्ण जानकारी प्राप्त की जा सकती है : www.irops.gov.in [932-DI/19]
Please join us on **932-DI/19**

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड निविदा सूचना विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बड़ौत के अन्तर्गत आने वाले विभिन्न उपकेन्द्रों पर पारेषण कार्यों हेतु एक अदृष्ट डीजल चालित वाहन जो 2015 से पूर्व मॉडल का ना हो 09 माह तक के लिए किराये पर रखने हेतु अनुभवी टेक्नोलॉजिस्ट/ट्रेवल एजेंट से सुहरबन्द निविदायें दो भागों में जिसके प्रथम भाग में निर्धारित धरोहर राशि, निविदा प्रपत्र एवं अन्य विवरण जैसे की एस.टी. में पंजीकृत अभिलेख सम्बन्धित कार्य क्षेत्र का अनुभव सम्बन्धी प्रमाण पत्र एवं दूसरे भाग में दरे तथा शर्तें होगी। निविदा दिनांक- 25.10.2019 की अपराह्न 3.00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है, जो उसी दिन सायं 4.00 बजे उपस्थित निविदाकर्ताओं अथवा उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष खोली जायेगी। यदि निविदा खुलने के दिन अवकाश होगा तो निविदायें अगले कार्य दिवस को खोली जायेंगी। 07/2019-20 अधिशासी अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बड़ौत के प्रयोगानाथ 01 नग डीजल चालित वाहन चालक सहित 09 माह की अवधि पर उपलब्ध कराने हेतु अहस्ताक्षरणीय निविदा प्रपत्र अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय से निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु.-590.00 (कर सहित) नकद/बैंक ड्राफ्ट की अधिशासी अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड बड़ौत के पक्ष में देय हो निविदा खुलने के दिनांक को छोड़कर प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। यदि कोई निविदाकर्ता प्रपत्र डाक से मंगाना चाहता है उसके लिये अलग से रु. 100.00 भेजने होंगे डाक में होने वाली देरी के लिये विभाग जिम्मेदार न होगा। निविदा के साथ रु. 2000.00 (चार हजार) मात्र की धरोहर धनराशि जो किसी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा एफ.डी.आर./सी.डी.आर. के रूप में जो अधिशासी अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बड़ौत के पक्ष में बंधक हो देना अनिवार्य है एक या समस्त निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताये स्वीकार/अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित होगा धरोहर राशि व शर्तें निविदायें स्वीकार नहीं की जायेगी। "राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचाये" हस्ता./- अधिशासी अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड बड़ौत पत्रांक: 1568/वि.पा.ख. बड़ौत/निविदा सूचना दिनांक: 24/09/2019

MP govt repeals Durga idol height cap after Pragma protests

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 24

DAYS AFTER it sought to restrict the height of idols in the upcoming Durga Puja, the Congress government in Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday climbed down on its position after the BJP MP from Bhopal, Pragma Singh Thakur, said that the order, and other restrictions such as a 10-pm cut-off on noise and music, amount to interference in religious affairs.

After 11 men died during immersion of a big Ganesh idol in Lower Lake, the administration had asked sculptors and organisers of Durga Puja to restrict the idol height to 10 feet, including the 4-foot frame.

After opposition by Hindu outfits, which argued that idols are ready and getting finishing touches, the administration said the order will become applicable for future idols.

In addition to restricting the height, the administration had sought to curb sound and music after 10 pm and asked organisers to sign an affidavit stating that they will be held responsible if something goes wrong during the festival.

On Tuesday, Thakur, an accused in Malegaon blasts, and other BJP MLAs boycotted a meeting of



Pragma Thakur

the district planning committee. "We don't accept the *farman* (order) because it interferes with rights of Hindus to worship," Thakur told the media. "The Congress government shows a rulebook to the majority community before every Hindu festival. This order is illegal."

Describing the order to ban music played by disc jockeys (DJs) after 10 pm as anti-religion, Thakur said she will not accept any such restrictions and take to the streets, irrespective of where the order comes from. "If sound restrictions are imposed on us, we will not let any other sound (be played)," she said.

Asked about the court-imposed deadline, she asked, "Why are such restrictions imposed only on Hindu festivals?"

Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath later said there are no restrictions on height of idols across the state. "There are no restrictions on immersion. The administration has made certain rules for immersion in deep water due to security reasons," he said.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Building Organisation - Form of Contract : Lumpsum
Tender Notice No.9 / VLR - CLE / 2019 - 2020 / Dated : 23.09.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Sealed Tenders are invited by the Special Chief Engineer, PWD., Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Vellore - 1 for the following works from the eligible Contractors registered in Public Works Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, upto 3.00 pm as per office clock on 30.10.2019 for Price tender for the work in Package No.1 for the work in Package No.2. Two cover system (Pre-qualification and Price tender), Price Tenders for the work in Package No.1 and Pre-qualification cover (Cover I) for the works in Package No.2 will be opened on 30.10.2019 at 3.30 PM by the Special Chief Engineer in presence of the Tenderers or their authorised agents.

PACKAGE NO.1 - Construction of Quarters for Additional District Judge at Arani in Thiruvannamalai District.
PACKAGE NO.2 - Slice 1 - Construction of Two Judicial Officers Quarters, Slice 2 - Construction of Combined Court building, Garage, Two Wheeler shed and Generator room at Sholinghur in Vellore District. The date and time of opening of price tender will be intimated to the pre-qualified contractor separately.

The EMD remittance and other details can also be available from the Govt. designated website (<http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in>) and Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Building (C&M) Circle, Vellore - 632 001. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the above website upto 29.10.2019 - 5.45 pm.

Special Chief Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C & M) Circle, Vellore-1.

DIPR/ 3341 /TENDER/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
Department of Tourism
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR TOURISM
PIU - Project Management Unit, Department of Tourism, Chennai-600 002.
INVITATION FOR BID (National Competitive Bidding)
Notice Inviting Reference No: 785/LOT 1/PMU/ADB/TECH/2017 dated: 10.09.2019
785/LOT 2/PMU/ADB/TECH/2017 dated: 10.09.2019

Sealed Tenders are invited for the following works in Single-Stage - Two-Envelope system conforming to ADB Standard Bid Document Guidelines and as per the details given below.
NIT Date: 25th September 2019

Sl. No	Package No	Description	Last date for Submission of Bid	Pre - Bid Meeting
1.	IDIPT/TN/TA/NCB/14-LOT1 /2017	International Road Shows. (Design, Publication and Marketing of Tourism Promotion Materials)	25 th October 2019	04 th October 2019
2.	IDIPT/TN/TA/NCB/14-LOT2 /2017	Domestic Travel Fairs/ Exhibition and Road Shows (Design, Publication and Marketing of Tourism Promotion Materials)		

For detailed tender document and qualifying requirement & clarification etc, please visit our websites www.tamilnadutourism.org and www.tenders.tn.gov.in. Any further Clarification/ Corrigendum/ Amendment or Extension shall be notified on the above websites only. Bidders should regularly visit the websites to keep themselves updated.

Telephone: 044-25333859
Chennai - 600 002
DIPR/3335/DISPLAY/2019

Project Director/ Director of Tourism
IDIPT-TN, Chennai

PRISONERS PARADED Rajasthan human rights panel seeks police clarification

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 24

THE RAJASTHAN State Human Rights Commission (RSHRC) on Tuesday sought a reply from the state police about an incident on Sunday in Alwar district, where 13 associates of a wanted gangster were paraded through a market in their undergarments by the police.

In its order, the RSHRC referred to media reports that 13 accused were paraded under heavy police protection.

RSHRC chairperson Prakash Chandra Tatia, the former Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court, sought a reply from the DGP to clarify how "handcuffing and parading prisoners in a semi-nude state through public road doesn't amount to deprivation of the human rights of the prisoners".

The commission also wanted to know from the state government whether there is a separate punishment for crimes which result in propagating an environment of fear in the general public.

The 13 men were paraded amid heavy security on Sunday.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

In my service record my wife's name entered as Raj Bala, but her correct name is Raj Bala Chauhan. Army No. 14545775W, HAV SKT Rakesh Kumar Chauhan.

0040513618-1

I,Neelam Dixit,W/o-Sumit Kumar,D/o-Anil Kumar Dixit R/O-H.No.2802,Gali.No.69,B-Block,Sant Nagar,Burari Delhi,have changed my name to name Neelam Sharma for all Purposes.

0040513678-2

I,Manoj Kumar Singhal,R/O-25B/12,Amritpuri-B,Garhi,East of Kailash,New Delhi-110065,have changed my minor son's name from Aniket Singhal to Surya Pratap Singhal for all,future purposes.

0040513692-6

I,Kalicharan S/O Jai Shankar Kushwaha R/O-House Number.136, Gali Number-2, Ranhola Vihar, Nangloi, New Delhi-110041, Changed my name to Kalicharan Kushwaha.

0040513644-1

I,Abhay Tiwari,S/o-Ramdhari Tiwari,R/O-H.No.49,A-Block, Amar Jyoti,Condom,Sec-17, Rohini,Delhi-89,have inform That Abhay Kumar Tiwari and Abhay Tiwari both are name,of one and the same person.

0040513692-1

I,Vinita Bedi W/O Neeraj Bedi H.No.2262, First Floor Sec-28, Faridabad Haryana-121003, Have Changed My Name To Alka Bedi.

0040513652-5

I,Vineet Govil S/O Vinod Govil R/O-A-201, Gardenia Greens, Sector-18, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201012, have changed my name from Vinit Govil to Vineet Govil for all future purposes.

0040513690-1

I,Vikas S/O,Rajender Kumar Sharma R/O 266-D, Pocket-F Dilshad Garden Delhi-95 have changed my name to Vikas Kumar Sharma for all purposes.

0040513671-1

I,Vijay Pal S/O-Jai Chand R/O-Flat.No.167,GH-14, Paschim Vihar,New Delhi-110087,have changed my name Vijay pal shokeen in future for all purpose.

0040513692-8

I,Varun Narain Seth R/O-6-A, Jantar Mantar-Road, New Delhi-110001,have changed my minor son's name,from Yadur Seth to Yadur Narain Seth,permanently.

0040513644-6

I,Tanya Singhania D/o Rakesh Kumar Singhania and W/o Saurabh Paul R/O House No-498/6/U, New Upkar Nagar-1, Civil Lines, Ladhokan, Punjab-141001, that name of mine has been wrongly written as Tanya Paul in my Marriage Certificate. The actual name of mine is Tanya Singhania.

0070675710-1

I,Vishal Kumar S/O Puran Jain R/O E-226 Astha Vihar Prem Nagar-3, Kirari Suleman Nagar, have changed my name to Vishal Jain for all purposes.

0040513665-1

I,Suvra Nag W/O Tushar Kanti Das R/O LD/26A, LIG DDA Flats, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Subhra Das for all future purposes.

0040513604-1

I,Sunil Aggarwal S/O Sh. Deo Narayan Dokania R/O H.No.158, Rajendra Park Ext. Nangloi, Delhi-41 inform that Sunil Dokania, Sunil Kumar & Sunil Aggarwal is one and same person.

0040513625-1

I,Subodh Kumar Bhatt S/O Harsh Mani Bhatt R/O L304 (hibrid) niho, Scottish Garden, Anhinsa Khand-2, Indirapuram Ghaziabad UP-201014, have changed my name to Subodh Bhatt.

0040513616-1

I,Sopangi Kuresh S/O Sopangi Laxman Rao R/O 44A, Kasant Gaon, 4th Floor, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057, have changed my name to S Kuresh Rao for all purposes.

0040513683-1

I,Sheela Devi Kalra W/O Late Om Prakash Kalra R/O C-54/586, Gali No-3, Ganesh Nagar-II, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, have changed my name from Sheela Devi to Sheela Devi Kalra for all future purposes.

0040513640-1

I,Shamti Usha W/O Shri Krishan Lal Kapoor R/O 2/59 Second Floor Jangpura Extension New Delhi-110014 have changed my name from Shamti Usha to Shamti Usha Kapoor for all purposes.

0040513598-1

I,Shamshad Hasan Kazmi R/O S-17/18-A, Jogabai Extension, Okhla, Delhi have changed my name to Shamshad Husain Kazmi for all purposes.

0040513230-2

I,Shabina alias Shabeena Akhlaq Usmani R/O-786, Usmani Manzil, DelhiGade, Kajiyon Ki Pol, Didwana, Dist.Nagar, Rajasthan-341303, have changed my name to Shabina Akhlaq Usmani for allpurpose.

0040513647-6

I,Sarika Aggarwal W/O Sunil Aggarwal R/O H.No.158, Rajendra Park Ext. Nangloi, Delhi-41 inform that Sarika Aggarwal, Sarika & Sarika Bagaria is one and same person/lady.

0040513625-2

I,Santosh Kumari W/O Shri Ashok Kumar Goyal R/O H.No 49-50, Upper Ground floor, Pocket-5, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Santosh Goel.

0040513699-4

I,Sangita Bali D/o Prem Sagar Bali, R/O-WZ-78, Hari Singh-Park, Near-Multan-Nagar, ND-56,have changed my name to Mohini, for All Purposes.

0040513673-10

I,Samuel Vinay Rao, Son of Late K.S.V. Sanjeeva Rao, residing in J-2/44, Ground Floor, DLF Phase-II, Gurugram, Haryana-122002, have changed my name to Sam Vinay Rao permanently. w.e.f. 1st January, 2012.

0040513630-1

I,Salma Perveen W/O Shabbir Khan R/O-S-7/8 Nafees-Road Jogabai-Extension Jamia-Nagar Okhla New Delhi-110025, Have Changed My Name To Salma Parveen.

0040513644-10

I,Sagar S/O Tekram R/O.Village-Ladpura, Post- Mayacha, Greater Noida,U.P.,have changed my name to Dinesh Kumar for all future purposes.

0040513678-1

I,Ritu Bajaj W/O Anil Bajaj R/O 413, Nilgiri Apartments, Alaknanda, new delhi – 110019 aged about 56 years declare that Ritu Bajaj and Ritu Khosla both are the same person.

0020393627-1

I,Ravish S/O late Sh.Lala Ram R/O H.No.A/56, street no.1, TahirPur-Village, east-delhi, Delhi-110095, inform that Ravish and Ravish Kumar Pal are both names of mine and same person.

0040513699-3

I,Ravinder Sharma S/O Janak Raj R/O A-188, Gali No. 10, Road No.04, Mahipalpur Ext., South West Delhi, New Delhi-110037, have changed my name from Ravinder Kumar to Ravinder Sharma for all future purposes.

0040513513-1

I,Ramesh Kumar S/O Ram Niwas Jangir R/O Village-Shri Dhanikhatiyar, Post-Barau, Teh.-Khetri, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan-333026, have changed my name to Ramesh Kumar Jangir. Also inform that my Mother and Wife name wrongly mentioned in my passport as Rukamani Devi and Babita Devi. Correct name is Rukmani Devi and Babita Devi respectively.

0040513613-1

I,Raj singh w/o dheer singh R/O-Putti Ibrahimpur ramraj Muzaffarnagar, have changed my name to Rajrani Singh.

0040513647-3

I,Raj kumar aggarwal R/O-GH-14/485,Paschim Vihar,New Delhi-87,have changed my son name Niyukat Garg to Niyukat aggarwal in future for all,purpose.

0040513692-9

I,Raj Gopal S/O Prem Chand R/O-3 Block-1, IInd-floor Spring field colony, Sector-31,Faridabad, have Changed My Name to Raj Gopal Sharma.

0040513594-1

I,R.Mukunthan, S/O Sh.K.R.Rajagopalan R/O-7A/67, 1st-Floor, W.E.A. KarolBagh, New Delhi-110005, have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name From M.Shreya To Shreya Mukunthan, For All Future Purposes.

0040513673-9

I,Prem Lata W/O Mr. Naveen Chopra R/O-B-291,Sarita Vihar,New Delhi-110076,have changed my name to Seema Chopra for all future purposes.

0040513692-7

I,Preeti Goel W/O Parveen Garg R/O G-20/50-51, Top Floor, Sec-7, Rohini, Delhi-85 Have Changed My Name To Priti Garg

0040513647-1

I,Poonam Dalip Gaba W/O Gaurav Lalwani R/o: DG-2/220A, VikasPuri, New Delhi-18 Have Changed My Name to Poonam Lalwani.

0040513647-5

I,Pooja Varma w/o Varun Narain Seth R/O 6-A, Jantar-Mantar Road, New Delhi-110011, have changed my name to Pooja Seth, permanently

0040513644-7

I,Piyush Kumar Parshuram Uniyal Alias Piyush Kumar Uniyal S/O-Parshuram Uniyal R/O-OC-708, Supertech-Rameshwari Orchids, H-1 Kaushambi Ghaziabad-201010,Have Changed My Name To Piyush Uniyal.

0040513644-9

I,Pinki D/o-Ram Babu Singh Tomer R/O-H.NO-450/9,New Baselwa Colony,Faridabad, Haryana-121002,Have Changed My Name To Pinki Tomer For All Future Purposes.

0040513692-10

I,Nitin Tayal S/O Naresh Tayal R/O 1876, 2nd Floor, Multani Mohalla, Rani Bagh, Delhi-110034, that name of mine and my father have been wrongly written as Nitin Goel and Naresh Kumar Goel respectively in my Passport, Driving License and School Records. The actual name of mine and my father is Nitin Tayal and Naresh Tayal respectively.

0070675693-1

I,Neeraj Nagpal & Neeraj Kumar Nagpal S/O Vinod Kumar Nagpal R/O 159, Sector 4, Urban Estate, Gurgaon, have changed my name to Neeraj Nagpal for all purposes.

0040513599-1

I,Naaz Begum, W/o Salim Khan R/O 183-A, Street No.7, Zakir Nagar Okhla, New Delhi-110025, I have change my name Naaz Khan to Naaz Begum for all future purposes.

0040513611-1

I,Mrs.Nasrin Parveen, W/O Mr.Shakeel Akhtar R/O-48A, 4th-Floor, Flat No.402, Gali No.22, Zakir-Nagar, New-Friends-Colony, New Delhi-110025, have Changed My Name From Nasrin Parveen To Nasrin Parween For All Future Purposes.

0040513673-8

I,Shashi Bala R/O, H.No-983, Sector-06, Bahadurgarh, Haryana-124507 have changed my name to Shashi Kharb.

0070675728-1

I,Mohd Afzal S/o Mohd Yaseen, R/O 4272, Gali NO-10 Ajit Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031 have changed my name from MOHD AFZAL to AFZAL ANSARI for all future purposes.

0040513609-1

I,Mehak D/O Mrs.Nisha Mehra, R/O-Aims golf avenue-2, H.NO-1104, tower number-1, Noida, sector-75 pin-201301, have changed my name, from Mehak to Mehak Mehra.

0040513652-2

I,Malti W/o Kailash Chand Sishodia R/O-B-06 WAC Qtr. Subroto Park, New Delhi-110010 have changed my name from Malti to Malti Sishodia, vide affidavit dated 21/09/2019 before NCT, Delhi

0040513615-2

I,M.Izhar Siddiqui S/O Intizar Ahmad R/O-F-50,Muradi-Road, Batla-House, Okhla, N.Delhi-110025., changed my name to Izhar Ahmad Siddiqui.,

0040513673-5

I,M.Amaan Siddiqui S/O Izhar Ahmad Siddiqui, R/O-F-50, Muradi Road, Batla House, Okhla, N.Delhi-110025., changed my name to MOHD Amaan Ahmad.

0040513673-4

I,Kokil D/O Sh.Shanti Swaroop W/O Sh.Akshay Kumar Bhardwaj R/O 16/546, Joshi Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Kaiera for all purposes.

0040513595-1

I,Kavita W/O Mr. Jogender Singh, R/O B-22A, Raghubir Enclave, Near D.C. Convent School, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Kavita Suhag for all future purposes.

0040513659-1

I,Kanta Sharma W/O Mukesh Datta R/O-U-B-55, Back-Side Jawahar-Nagar, Delhi-110007, Have Changed My Name To Kanta Vashisht.

0040513652-6

I,Jolly Binu W/o Binu Augustine R/O-B-33,UG-1, DLF-Dilshad Extension-2, Sahibaad, Ghaziabad, UP-201005, have changed my name to Jolly Joseph for all future Purposes.

0040513652-7

I,Jivesh S/o Shri Ram Niwas R/O 176 Sector-3 Type-III Sadiq Nagar New Delhi-110049 have changed my name from Jivesh to Jivesh Singh for all purposes.

0040513598-2

I,Jasbir Kaur D/o Harbhajan Singh and W/o Daljit Singh R/O Dhandal, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143516, that name of mine has been wrongly written as Manjit Kaur in my Ration Card. The actual name of mine is Jasbir Kaur

0070675711-1

I,Jagjit Singh R/O-6/111,I-Floor, Front Side, Subhash Nagar, Delhi-110027, Changed my Child Name Akhand Singh To Harsveer Singh Gauri.

0040513673-7

I,Inzamam Ul Haque S/O Anzar Ahmad Khan R/O-G-48A, Yaqoob-Apartment, Shaheenbagh, Alufbazal-Enclave Part-2, Jamianagar, Okhla, N.Delhi-110025., CHANGED My Name To Inzamam Ul Haque Khan.

0040513673-3

I,Idarish S/o Nashir Ali R/O E-559, Fourth Floor, Jaipur Extn Part-II, Badarpur, New Delhi-110044, have changed my name to Idrish Ahmad for all purposes.

0040513605-1

I,Hemant kumar istwal Dob:29 nov 1977 S/o Om Prakash Istwal declare that Hemant kumar istwal and Hemant istwal both name belongs to one and only same person.

0040513639-1

I,Harmeet Kaur W/O Adit Gupta R/O-Cr-224, Lalita Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, changed my name to Sanchi Gupta.

0040513673-1

I,Chintan Agrawal, R/O-A-28, First Floor, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028., CHANGED My Minor Son Name Rudraksh Agrawal To Rudrakhs Agrawal.

0040513673-2

I,Dharmender Kumar Kaim S/O Patt Ram Kaim, R/O-H.No.168, Khanpur-Village, New-Delhi-110062, changed my name to Dharmender Kumar,S/o Patt Ram, for all purposes.

0040513647-4

I,Davinder Kumar S/O Sodhi Ram Notta R/O WZ-G-9, Sant Nagar Extn., Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Davider Kumar Notta for all purposes.

0040513642-1

I,Bijendra Kumar, Flat No 17 / V NSUT Faculty Residences Sector-3 Dwarka New Delhi – 110078 has changed our minor Daughter name from Saumya to Saumya Kalkhandey for all purpose vide affidavit no-IN-DL59025761877823R dated 23-09-19

0050155725-1

I,Bijendra Kumar, Flat No 17 / V NSUT Faculty Residences Sector-3 Dwarka New Delhi – 110078 has changed our minor Daughter name from Kaavya to Kaavya Kalkhandey for all purpose vide affidavit no-IN-DL59025761877823R dated 23-09-19

0050155726-1

I,Balvinder Kaur W/O Davinder Kumar Notta R/O WZ-G-9, Sant Nagar Extn., Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Balvinder Kaur Notta for all purposes.

0040513641-1

I,Arun Dutt Parashar S/O Praduman Dutt Parashar, R/O-177, Nilgiri Apartments, Alaknanda, N.Delhi-110019., changed my name to Arun Parashar.

0040513673-6

I,Arati Chakraborty W/O Aparup Kumar Chakraborty R/O SMQ-370/G-3, Camero Complex, Subroto Park, New Delhi-110010 have changed my name from Arati Chakraborty to Arti Chakraborty, vide affidavit dated 24/09/2019 before NCT, Delhi.

0040513615-1

I,Ankit Kumar Garg S/o Rajesh Kumar Garg R/O-C-20-21, Industrial Estate, Hathras have changed my name Ankit Garg.

0040513647-2

I,Anjali, resident of 192, Sector 28, Noida 201303, Gautam Budh-Nagar, U.P.,changed my name to Anjali Singh as per Aadhar Card No. 495158266626.

0040513644-8

I,Aarti Sharma R/o-770-8, 2ndFloor, Near-Liberty Cinema, Circle,New Market, Devnagar, KarolBagh, N.Delhi-110005, have changed my minor son's name Shaurya Solanki to Shaurya.

0040513652-3

I,Veena Rani Sharma W/O Subhash Chandra Sharma R/O-1896, Ms-Flats Timarpur Delhi-110054, Have Changed My Name To Veena Sharma.

0040513647-7

Tuma Devi Mishra alias Uma Mishra D/o Ram Krishn Mishra and W/o Dilip Kumar Mishra R/o 74 T, Sector-7, Jasola Vihar, New Friends Colony, Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Uma Mishra

0070675719-1

I,Tarun Kumar Rawat S/O Satender Singh Rawat R/O-A-2383rd-flr HariNagar Clock-Tower New-Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Tarun Rawat.

0040513647-9

ISpriya Sharan D/O Parmatma Sharan R/O K-1234, Shastri Nagar, Meerut 250001. Do hereby inform that Spriya Sharan and Spriya Saran is one person.

0040513632-3

IRuchika Mehta alias Ruchika Nagpal D/o Kishori Lal Nagpal and W/o Deepak Kumar Mehta R/o 55-56, Third Floor, Pocket-2, Sector-22, Rohini, Begumpur, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Ruchika Mehta

0070675704-1

IReena Katriya W/o Anil Kumar 240 Block C Prem Nagar Najafgarh New Delhi 110043, have changed my name to Reena

0040513632-2

IRam Roop R/O D-7 Block-T Punjabi Basti, Baljeet Nagar, Delhi 110008 have changed my name to Ramroop Sharma.

0070675721-1

IRajinder Kaur D/o Sawaran Singh W/o-Rajesh Kumar Dhamija R/O-B-87/G-1., G.F.,Dlf, Dilshad-Ext.2, Bhupura, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar-Pradesh-201005, have changed my name to Komal Dhamija for all purposes.

0040513644-3

IRajesh DHAMIJA s/o Mohan Lal R/O-B-87/G-1 G.F.Dlf, Dilshad-Ext.2 Dilshad-Ext.2-Bhopura, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar-Pradesh-201005, have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar Dhamija, for all purposes.

0040513644-2

IRachna W/o Manoj Kumar Bhardwaj R/O-1/6255, East-Rohtash-Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032,inform that in my son's school-record my name is wrongly-mentioned Chetna but my correct-name is Rachna, for all purposes.

0040513699-2

IREHAM ILAHI S/O HABIB UR REHMAN R/O H.NO-227, GALI NO-1, BABU NAGAR MUSTAFABAD DELHI-110094, CHANGED MY NAME TO RAHAM ILAHI.

0040513647-8

IParmod Kumar S/o Lal Singh R/O Village Kasan, Gurgaon-122001, have changed my name to Parmod Sharma for all future purpose.

0070675724-1

IManoj Garg S/o Ram Kumar Gupta R/O A-1/19 Miyawali Nagar, Paschim Vihar, Delhi 110087 have changed my name to Manoj Kumar Gupta

0040513632-1

IMahesh Kumar s/o Ram Lal, R/O.9580 Gaushala-Baradari, Kishanganj, Delhi-110006, Inform that My Wife Name Hasbeen Wrongly Written As Raj Rani In My Lic-Policy No.123024268 The Actual Name Of My Wife Is Rani. Which May Be Amended.

0040513644-4

IKirti Singh Pal S/o Shiv Kumar Pal R/O C-1/72, Gali No.3, Madhu Vihar, Palam, DK Mohan Garden, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Samrat Pal

0070675708-1

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FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

ARTICLE 35, UN CHARTER: HOW INDIA TOOK UP PAK INVASION OF J&K



Home Minister Amit Shah in Mumbai on Sunday. He referred to the manner in which India had taken up Pakistan's 1947 invasion of J&K with UN. *PTI*

IN MUMBAI on Sunday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah held India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru responsible for the existence of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir as he had "declared an untimely ceasefire" to the hostilities after Pakistan had invaded Kashmir in October 1947. He said that had Nehru taken the matter to the United Nations under Article 51 of the UN Charter, instead of Article 35, the outcome would have been different.

The ceasefire

The ceasefire was brokered by a United Nations Mission. According to UN records, on January 1, 1948, the Government of India reported to the Security Council "details of a situation existing between India and Pakistan owing to the aid which invaders, consisting of nationals of Pakistan and tribesmen from the territory immediately adjoining Pakistan on the north-west, were drawing from Pakistan for operations against Jammu and Kashmir". Pointing out that J&K had acceded to India, the "Government of India considered the giving of this assistance by Pakistan to be an act of aggression against India... The Government of India, being anxious to proceed according to the principles and aims of the Charter, brought the situation to the attention of the Security Council under Article 35 of the Charter." Pakistan denied this on January 15, 1948, and said India's complaint under Article 35 contained a threat of direct attack against it. Under the same article, Pakistan brought to the Security Council's attention "a situation existing between India and Pakistan which had already given rise to disputes tending to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security" and accused India of a "genocide of Muslims", "failure to implement agreements between the two countries", "unlawful occupation of Junagadh" and "India's actions in Jammu & Kashmir".

Article 35

Articles 33-38 occur in Chapter 6 titled "Pacific Settlement of Disputes". These six Articles lay out that if the parties to a dispute that has the potential for endangering international peace and security are not able to resolve the mat-

ter through negotiations between them, or by any other peaceful means, or with the help of a "regional agency", the Security Council may step in, with or without the invitation of one or another of the involved parties, and recommend "appropriate procedures or methods of recommendation". Specifically, Article 35 only says that any member of the UN may take a dispute to the Security Council or General Assembly.

Article 51

This Article occurs in Chapter 7 titled "Action With Respect to Threats to the Peace, Breaches of the Peace, and Acts of Aggression". The chapter assumes that the Security Council is already seized of the situation. Article 51 essentially says that a UN member has the "inherent right of individual or collective self-defence" if attacked, "till such time that the Security Council has taken measures necessary to maintain international peace and security". It says that exercise of this right must be immediately reported to the Security Council by the member, and "shall not in any way affect the authority and responsibility of the Security Council under the present Charter to take at any time such action as it deems necessary in order to maintain or restore international peace and security".

The outcome

The decision to set up a United Nations Mission was taken on January 20. The UN invoked Article 34 to mandate the mission to investigate facts of the situation, and to exercise any "mediatory influence...likely to smooth away difficulties". The title of the agenda before the Security Council was also changed from the "Jammu & Kashmir question" to the India-Pakistan question. The five-member Mission, which had members nominated by India and Pakistan, and three others, eventually brokered the cessation of hostilities from January 1, 1949, and the establishment of a ceasefire line on July 27, 1949, which left Pakistan with the areas of Jammu & Kashmir that were under its control on that day. It was this ceasefire line that came to be termed the Line of Control in the Simla Agreement of 1972.

AMITABH SINHA
PUNE, SEPTEMBER 24

FOR GRETA Thunberg, 16, it has taken just one year to traverse the distance from being a regular ninth-standard student in Stockholm to becoming the most recognised face of climate change activism who can give world leaders a dressing-down at a United Nations summit. Along the way to her widely publicised speech at the UN climate conference on Monday, she has found a cult following, mingled with heads of states, given a TED talk, sailed across the Atlantic to spread climate awareness, been interviewed by countless media organisations, and has a detailed Wikipedia page. Earlier this year, she has also been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The background

Born to an actor father and a singer mother, Thunberg, then 15, shot to fame in August last year, when she sat against the outer wall of the main building of Swedish Parliament. She carried a sign that read "School strike for the climate" in Swedish. She herself had decided to skip school to demand from her country's lawmakers more concrete and urgent action on climate change. For a child her age in Sweden, attending school is compulsory. She was, in effect, breaking the law by not attending. By her own account, Thunberg first heard of the climate change problem when she was eight years old, and wondered why no one was doing anything about it, or why fossil fuels were not being made illegal. Then in May 2018, she won an essay competition on climate change organised by a Swedish newspaper. Her essay was published, after which a few climate activists contacted her. One of them suggested to her the idea of a school strike. "I like the idea of a school strike. So I developed that idea and tried to get the other young people to join me, but no one was really interested. So I went on planning the school strike all by myself," she wrote in a Facebook post in February this year. Her strike and protest outside Swedish



HOW DARE YOU!

“My message is that we’ll be watching you. This is all wrong. I shouldn’t be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you!

“You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words... We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!”

“...Young people are starting to understand your betrayal... If you choose to fail us, I say: We will never forgive you. Right here, right now is where we draw the line... Change is coming, whether you like it or not.”

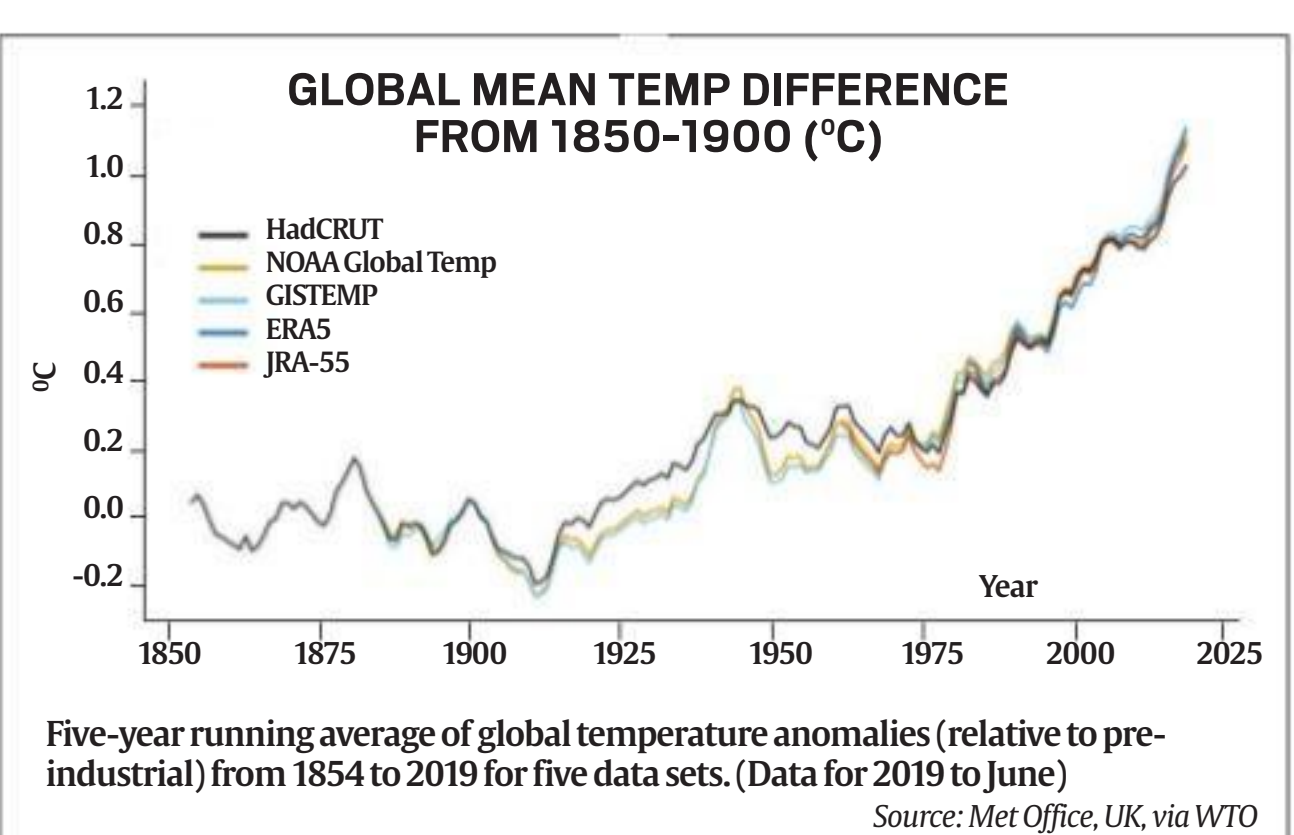
— GRETA THUNBERG, 16

Parliament brought her instant fame, and a following on the Internet. She became a favourite of the well-networked climate change NGOs, and became the centre of massive campaigns in the run-up to last year's climate change conference in Poland, where she was given the opportunity to address one of the plenaries. Her message Thunberg is not saying anything that the world doesn't know of, or has not been said earlier. In fact, she sounds rhetorical in her well-choreographed speeches. But her young age, and the fact that she represents the generation that is likely to experience the worst impacts of climate change, is seen as bringing a moral force to the argument. She presents a stern face, and talks with the seriousness of someone who is helplessly witnessing her future getting ruined. "If the emissions have to stop, then we must stop the emissions. To me, that is black or white. There are no grey areas when it comes to survival," she said in her TED talk. In her February Facebook post, she explains why. "When I say that the climate crisis is a black and white issue, (or) we need to stop the emissions of greenhouse gases, and (that) I want you to panic. I only say because it's true. Yes, the climate crisis is the most complex issue that we have ever faced, and it's going to take everything from our part to stop it. But the solution is black and white. We need to stop the emissions of greenhouse gases". The impact With her massive following, and support from NGOs and the scientific community, Thunberg has managed to create awareness

Warning signs: warmest ever, emission highs

SOWMIYA ASHOK
BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 24

THE AVERAGE global temperature for 2015-2019 is on track to be the warmest of any equivalent period on record, and July 2019 was the hottest month on record globally, a report released ahead of the UN Climate Action Summit 2019 in New York has found. The warmest five-year trend has especially affected large areas of the United States, including Alaska, eastern parts of South America, most of Europe and the Middle East, northern Eurasia, Australia and areas of Africa south of the Sahara. The report 'United in Science' is a synthesis prepared by the Science Advisory Group of the summit. It has also found that greenhouse gases have reached "new highs", heatwaves were the "deadliest" meteorological hazard in this period, and tropical cyclones led to the largest economic losses. Among its key findings: **GLOBAL TEMPERATURE:** The average global temperature for 2015-19 is currently estimated to be 1.1°C above pre-industrial (1850-1900) times, the report said. Widespread and long-lasting heatwaves, record-breaking fires and other devastating events such as tropical cyclones, floods and drought have had major impacts on socio-economic development and the environment. **GREENHOUSE GASES:** Levels of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide have



reached new highs. The last time Earth's atmosphere contained 400 parts per million carbon dioxide was about 3-5 million years ago. In 2018, the report said, global carbon dioxide concentration was 407.8 parts per million (ppm), 2.2 ppm higher than 2017. Preliminary data from a subset of monitoring sites for 2019 indicate that carbon dioxide concentrations are on track to reach or even exceed 410 ppm by the end of 2019. In 2017, globally averaged atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide were 405.6 ppm, methane at 1859 parts per billion (ppb) and nitrous oxide at 329.9 ppb. These values constitute, respectively, 146%, 257% and 122% of pre-industrial levels (pre-1750). The growth rate of carbon dioxide averaged over three consecutive decades (1985-1995, 1995-2005 and 2005-2015) increased from 1.42 ppm/yr to 1.86 ppm/yr and to 2.06 ppm/yr. However, the report notes that emissions from the US and the European Union have declined over the past decade, while growth in China's emissions have slowed significantly compared to the 2000s. Indian emissions are the fourth highest and are "growing

strongly at annual rates in excess of 5%, albeit starting from a much lower base of per capita emissions." **HEATWAVES:** The report notes that heatwaves affected all continents and set many new national temperature records. It also mentions the heatwave that struck the sub-continent in mid-2015 where 2,248 deaths were reported in India, and 1,229 in Pakistan. "The 2019 summer saw unprecedented wildfires in the Arctic region with 50 megatons of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere in June alone," the report says. **PRECIPITATION:** The effects of climate change were also seen on precipitation levels in the 2015-2019 period when compared to the five years preceding that. The average precipitation totals were higher in the latter period than in the former in large regions in southern South and North America, eastern Europe and most of Asia. "In contrast, less precipitation fell in large parts of Europe, southwest and southern Africa, northern North America and a large part of South America, the Indian Monsoon region, and northern and western Australia," the report states. **SEAICE:** Arctic summer sea-ice extent has declined at a rate of approximately 12% per decade during 1979-2018, the report said. The four lowest values for winter sea-ice extent occurred between 2015 and 2019. Overall, the amount of ice lost annually from the Antarctic ice sheet increased at least six-fold between 1979 and 2017. Glacier mass loss for 2015-2019 is the highest for any five-year period on record.

Five takeaways from Britain top court’s ruling on PM and Parliament

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

ELEVEN JUDGES of the highest court in the United Kingdom have delivered an extraordinary unanimous judgment, striking down as unlawful a recommendation by Prime Minister Boris Johnson to Queen Elizabeth to suspend Parliament for five weeks ahead of Britain's scheduled October 31 exit from the European Union. The Justices, sitting on the largest permissible Bench of the 12-judge Supreme Court, gave presiding officers of both Houses of Parliament the freedom to reconvene the Houses immediately. The court ruled on "whether the advice given by the Prime Minister to Her Majesty the Queen on 27 or 28 August, that Parliament should be prorogued from a date between 9 and 12 September until 14 October, was lawful and the legal consequences if it was not".

It said the PM's action was unlawful and the prorogation of Parliament was "void and of no effect"; it also underlined that the question was "justiciable", clarifying an important aspect of the rules of engagement among the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary in Britain's unwritten Constitution. Here are five takeaways from Tuesday's historic verdict.

Courts do have the authority to intervene in 'political' matters

The issue was essentially whether Johnson had the right to prorogue Parliament, and whether Britain's courts had the power to stop him. The government argued that the courts had no business jumping in because the decision to prorogue Parliament lay "in the territory of political judgment, not legal standards". But the court said it was "firmly of the opinion" that the question of the "lawfulness of the Prime Minister's advice to Her Majesty is justiciable". Courts "have exercised a su-

pervisory jurisdiction over the lawfulness of acts of the Government for centuries", the official summary of the judgment said. In their full judgment, the Justices reasoned: "Although the United Kingdom does not have a single document entitled 'The Constitution', it nevertheless possesses a Constitution, (which) ...includes numerous principles of law, which are enforceable by the courts in the same way as other legal principles... It is (the courts') particular responsibility to determine the legal limits of the powers conferred on each branch of government, and to decide whether any exercise of power has transgressed those limits. The courts cannot shirk that responsibility merely on the ground that the question raised is political in tone or context." **The prorogation of Parliament was not business as usual** The court asked, according to the summary judgment, whether the prorogation had "the effect of frustrating or preventing

the ability of Parliament to carry out its constitutional functions without reasonable justification". It ruled that "this was not a normal prorogation". The "prolonged suspension of parliamentary democracy took place in quite exceptional circumstances: the fundamental change which was due to take place in the Constitution of the United Kingdom on 31 October", the summary judgment said. "Parliament... has a right to a voice in how that change comes about. The effect upon the fundamentals of our democracy was extreme." **PM's advice to the Queen to suspend House was unlawful** The court underlined that "the Government exists because it has the confidence of the House of Commons", and asked whether "the Prime Minister's action had the effect of frustrating or preventing the constitutional role of Parliament in holding the Government to account". "The answer", the Justices said, "is that of

course it did" — and that the action was, therefore, unlawful. The prorogation "prevented Parliament from carrying out its constitutional role for five out of a possible eight weeks... It is impossible for us to conclude... that there was any reason — let alone a good reason — to advise Her Majesty to prorogue Parliament... from 9th or 12th September until 14th October... It follows that the decision was unlawful." **As of now, UK's Parliament is not suspended at all** The summary said: "This court has already concluded that the Prime Minister's advice to Her Majesty was unlawful, void and of no effect. This means that the order in council to which it led was also unlawful, void and of no effect and should be quashed. This means that when the royal commissioners walked into the House of Lords it was as if they walked in with a blank sheet of paper. The prorogation was also void and of no effect. Parliament has not been prorogued."

Parliament can, in fact, reconvene immediately

"As Parliament is not prorogued", the court said, "it is for Parliament to decide what to do next". Also, because it is not prorogued, it need not be recalled; and it has not voted to adjourn or go into recess. Therefore, the court said in its full judgment, "Unless there is some Parliamentary rule to the contrary of which we are unaware, the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Lord Speaker can take immediate steps to enable each House to meet as soon as possible to decide upon a way forward." Soon afterward, Speaker John Bercow said the House of Commons would sit at 11.30 am on Wednesday. Speaking in New York, Johnson said that he would "obviously" respect the verdict, and "of course Parliament will come back" — but "I have to say that I strongly disagree with what the Justices have found."





THE TEST AHEAD

Fifty days on, lockdown and detentions persist — zero body count can't be an index of normalcy in J&K

IT IS NOW 50 days since the Centre revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, and announced the decision to bifurcate the state into two Union Territories. In this time, the government has set up a raft of committees to oversee the bifurcation of territory, and material and manpower resources. The bureaucracy in the state is working apace to identify sectors that will receive speedy attention for the government to implement its development agenda. But much else remains undone. Kashmir Valley, where more than half of the state's population lives, is virtually cut off from the rest of the country. A communication blockade imposed since August 5, the day the government announced its decisions, continues to this day. Landlines have been restored but with their penetration not as high as mobile phones, this move has not made a difference to the situation. The markets remain closed as a result of a bandh by members of the public. The government's assertion that militants have imposed a curfew across the Valley contradicts its own justification for keeping the cellphones and internet disabled, which is that it has crippled the communication networks of militants. All mainstream politicians, and anyone else with the slightest ability to mobilise public opinion, remain under detention.

The government's case is that these measures have prevented deaths. But this cannot be the only index by which to assess "normalcy" in Kashmir. As the state's DGP told this newspaper, peaceful yes, but that is not the same as normal. Implicit in the justification of no deaths is the admission that locking up people and cutting off their phones was the only way to implement what the government anticipated would be unpopular decisions, the argument being that there would have been protests and the law enforcers would have been pushed to use strong methods to restore order. In the last few weeks, several government functionaries have made the surprising declaration that the Centre's decisions have the backing of the majority of the people in the Valley. The only test of the popular mood will come when those who have been detained are released, phones restored, and people are allowed to communicate as free citizens do in any democracy.

After the next 40 days, the map of J&K will change, likely irrevocably. There may even be an announcement of elections in the two UTs. But before all that, the government needs to lift the restrictions it has imposed in the Valley, and ready a plan to deal with the consequences that it seems to fear. Good governance, the government's promise for Naya Kashmir, cannot take place in an environment in which people have to be locked up and their voices cannot be heard.

RAISE THE BAR

PM's pledge to raise India's renewable energy commitments should occasion a debate on the challenges faced by the sector

ON MONDAY, AT the Global Climate Action Summit in New York, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, made several announcements that underscored India's commitment towards addressing pressing environmental challenges. He talked about his government's plans to curb plastic use and invited countries to join the Coalition For Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. But the centrepiece of the prime minister's speech was his announcement on upscaling India's renewable energy ambition. "By 2022, we plan to increase our renewable energy capacity to much beyond 175 GW, and later to 450 GW," he said. The prime minister's reiteration of a clean energy path for the country's development is welcome. And, there is little doubt that the country has made big strides in renewable energy (RE) in the last five years. At the same time, however, the PM's speech should also occasion a stocktaking of the challenges faced by the sector.

Increasing the share of non-fossil fuels in the country's energy mix is the bedrock of India's commitments under the Paris Climate Pact. The country pledged an installed electricity capacity of 175 GW by 2022 — a more than five-fold capacity increase in seven years. In the last four years, India has more than doubled its RE capacity. This impressive achievement notwithstanding, the country will need to step up its pace. To meet its Paris Pact target, India will need to add more than 20 GW of RE installation a year, more than double the rate achieved in the past four years. Developments in the solar energy sector give an inkling of the challenges likely to be faced when the RE ambitions are upscaled. According to the clean energy research outfit, Mercom, the country added 8.3 GW of solar capacity last year. This is a 13 per cent dip from 2017. The fall in pace of adding solar installations has continued this year. Land acquisitions are a major worry for large-scale solar projects, the Mercom report noted. The loss in momentum could well be temporary. But policymakers should ill-afford to ignore it given that solar installations constitute nearly 60 per cent of the country's RE energy mix under its Paris commitments.

PM Modi's New York announcement is consistent with India's goal of generating 40 per cent of its electricity by renewables by 2030. When it comes to RE, the gap between installed capacity and actual electricity generation can be large, especially when weather conditions are not congenial. Conversation about REs in the country have largely been about installed capacity. In the spirit of the PM's New York speech, the discourse on RE needs to go one notch higher.

WELCOME, FLEABAG

Emmy awards marked the end of one era of US television, beginning of a new one

THE 2019 EMMY awards marked, in a sense, an end of an era. The so-called "golden age of television" in America began with *The Sopranos*, a show on HBO and has seemingly come to a close — at least in terms of the manner and means of viewer engagement — on HBO as well. The final season of *Game of Thrones* bagged a bunch of awards, including the prestigious one for Best Drama Series. But the up-and-comers that made a strong showing at the awards — *Fleabag* and *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* — signal an era of their own, one at least as promising as the one that has gone by.

Given the fact that the final season of *Game of Thrones* (GoT) was, in no uncertain terms, a dramatic disaster, the honour by the television academy must be seen as representing something more than just its appeal to fans and critics. The show remains the most ambitious, in terms of scale and budgets, in serialised fiction and proved that television can indeed sustain budgets thus far reserved for the big screen. Spin-offs from George RR Martin's fictional universe are now in the offing, as are re-tellings of J R R Tolkien's tales from Valinor, Middle Earth and Numeron. However, *Fleabag* remains the story of the night. Irreverent and funny, the show is by women, and about women. It straddles with brilliance the conflicts of sexuality, identity and love. It is not based on big budgets and big names, but sharp writing and good acting. Phoebe Waller-Bridge, the writer and star of the show, has a bunch of trophies.

While *GoT* is among the last shows that made a name with appointment viewing, *Fleabag*, available on a streaming platform, will be binge-watched. That it has been recognised by the mainstream is a sign that television as we knew it is almost gone. But, more importantly, even a decade ago, an adult comedy with a funny woman character unafraid to be gross would be something appreciated on the edge of popular culture. Now, it is at the centre.



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INDIA'S ECONOMIC CRISIS that is finding expression in low-growth rates and high unemployment rates is partly due to the decline of investments, which is partly due to the fact that companies cannot get access to loans as easily as before. This is a direct consequence of the huge level of the banks' Non Performing Assets (NPAs), which have jumped from Rs 1.2 trillion in 2012 to 9.5 trillion in 2018. Public banks represented 70 per cent of these NPAs. Last month, after a year of reflection, the Centre announced reforms in the banking system, which are mostly about the merger of weak banks. But "reform" could actually be the wrong word if nothing else is done, because last month's decision does not address the crux of the matter.

To understand what is at stake in the NPA story, one needs first to understand why the public sector banks lent so much money to companies which are today unable to pay it back. In the 2000s, when the UPA held office, everybody thought that double digit growth rates were there to stay. But this euphoria was not the only factor and the dubious practice did not stop in 2014.

In 2015, a 57-page report of Crédit Suisse gave a detailed account of the formidable debts accumulated by a dozen big Indian companies. Incidentally, soon after that, the RBI declared 12 Indian companies responsible for 25 per cent of the NPAs — a list that remained secret. The Crédit Suisse report showed that companies facing heavy debts continued to borrow from the banking system. The Adani group's debt, for instance, increased by 16 per cent in 2015.

The piling up of the NPAs has to do with the relationship between the country's rulers and the heads of the public banks. A retired bank CEO, Anjan Basu, has reportedly testified that CEOs of public banks tend to be under structural pressures as members of the Government of India ask them to lend some money to industrialists. Indeed, it is very difficult for the CEOs of public banks to say "no"

Bank mergers do not address the crux of the crisis: The nexus between lenders, borrowers and election funding

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But why do governments in India insist that loans be given to industrialists, even when their projects are not good enough to generate the money needed to repay the bank? This question has much to do with the curse of crony capitalism. As we've shown recently in *Business and Politics in India* (a book I co-edited with Atul Kohli and Kanta Murali), the nexus between businessmen and politicians is based on a classic exchange of favours: The former help the latter to get access to credit in return for funds for election campaigns.

Politics has become a very costly activity in India. According to several estimates — including those by the Centre for Media Studies and the Association for Democratic Reforms — India's 17th general elections were the costliest ever in the history of democracies, with the parties spending \$7.2 billion (more than double what was spent 10 years ago). The BJP spent between 45 and 55 per cent of this — approximately 3.6 billion dollars — while the Congress spent 15 to 20 per cent. Cash, drugs, liquor and precious metals worth nearly Rs 3,500 crore were reportedly seized by enforcement agencies in the run-up to the Lok Sabha polls — nearly three times the amount seized five years ago, with the BJP beating all records in this regard.

Political parties were able to amass money due to a scheme pushed through by the Modi government in 2016, authorising businesses and individuals to make anonymous contributions to political parties — electoral bonds. The BJP reportedly reaped 95 per cent of the contributions through such bonds which former Chief Election Commissioner S Y Qureshi, described as "legalisation of crony capitalism".

What was this money for? Mostly advertisements. Between February 7 and March 2, *Alt News* scrutinised the Ad Library Report of Facebook to find out that pro-BJP and pro-central government pages represented 70 per

cent of the total ad revenue made public by Facebook. Of the top 10 political advertisers, eight were related to the BJP and spent Rs 2.3 crore on Facebook ads — the Congress Party coming a poor third, behind the BJD. But many pages supported the BJP without declaring their links with the party. The total amount of money spent on Facebook ads by the BJP and supporting pages was over Rs. 2.7 crore in one month. But even more money was to be spent in the following weeks and months. Between February 20 and April 24, 2019, the BJP spent about Rs 6 crore on political ads on Google platforms, 10 times more than the Congress. On Facebook, the BJP officially spent Rs 1.32 crore between early February and April 20. While this is higher than any other party's expenditure, this figure still conceals some other publicity initiatives. Unofficial BJP Facebook pages, such as 'Bharat ke Mann ki Baat', 'Nation with NaMo' and 'My First Vote for Modi' cumulatively spent Rs 4.50 crore in the same period.

A reform of the banking system worth that name would imply more than the amalgamation of weak banks: A protection of the banks' CEOs from political interferences — which also result recurrently in campaigns of loan waivers. Such an immunisation may be achieved via a dose of privatisation (something compatible with the programme of the BJP, market-oriented on paper) as the private banks are not as badly affected by the NPAs as the public ones. But it can also result from the enforcement of a more rigorous management autonomy under the aegis of a robust regulator. Of course, the objective would be reached more easily if politicians were not allowed to spend so much money at the time of elections. But this change would imply an even more robust regulator!

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WE ARE DELIGHTED that Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an impassioned appeal for the reduction in the use of chemicals in agriculture. Though, in time, the PM will realise it is easier to announce new approaches than to get the agriculture system to embrace the appeal. This does not have to be. Public policy and allocation of funds can play a critical role and change the trajectory. The biggest threat to India is climate change. Many civilisations disappeared and empires have collapsed due to shifting rainfall patterns or prolonged drought.

In the run-up to the climate change summit, these points were raised by the IPCC. Over 100 million hectares in India is in the process of serious degradation, desertification and salinisation. Situated in the tropics, India has witnessed a many-fold increase in extreme weather events since 1950 and will be severely impacted by production variability. Soils are being lost up to 100 times faster than they can form and high temperatures increase the incidence of pests and diseases. These will necessitate using more chemicals on the farm. Without the active participation of stakeholders and aid of indigenous and local knowledge, we cannot address these issues.

These alternative approaches require a paradigm shift towards principles of agroecology and weaning farmers by repurposing subsidies for ecosystem services. This requires a combination of different kinds of crop planting practices, different forms of mechanisation, aggregation and distribution of commodities. It is not easy and the myopic outlook of policymakers discourages them from believing it is feasible. As a society, we

A NEW APPROACH

Awareness campaigns are needed to deal with climate change

are not yet ready to commit to lifestyle trade-offs and more significantly, commoditisation of the food systems will impose stiff barriers in changing the status quo.

The bull run in commodity prices ended by 2013. Since then, food prices have generally remained subdued, instilling a sense of complacency amongst the public and those that influence policy. Consequently, there has been a steady but subtle shift in the narrative from agriculture to food, from yield to sustainability, from productivity to prosperity and from quantity to quality. Policies are being formulated where rather than supporting agriculture production, farmer livelihoods are to be supported by schemes like PM Kisan. Additionally, public funding for research and the subsequent deployment of funds for fundamental research and human resources has reduced in real terms. This is worrying as it comes at a time when scientists are warning of impending challenges in food availability arising from climate change.

Policymakers are blissfully unmindful of their own inadequacies. India's population will peak in 20 years and wild claims are being made that it will have a problem of 20 per cent surplus production. The recent surge in surpluses are deceiving and too meagre to justify such smug satisfaction. Ironically, decision-makers are simultaneously targeting an increase in food production by 50 per cent by 2050. Sadly, this has become the cornerstone of our national policy and the metric for measuring farmer prosperity. To expect a system that nurtures the problem to transform itself is as ridiculous a notion as "zero budget farming" demonising "organic farming".

Unrestrained profiteering by agri-busi-

nesses is expediting climate change. Starved of funds, the exhausted public research system has taken a similar and easier path to maximise farm yields by monocropping and use of chemicals, encouraging agricultural practices that emit human-induced greenhouse gases. Economists will disagree but farm-gate prices have to rise substantially to account for the real cost of growing food for farmers to change practices and for agriculture to sequester carbon. Present practices extract a heavy environmental footprint, completing a vicious circle that makes agriculture more problematic while agriculture itself also intensifies climate change, compelling yields to be maximised.

As a result, millions of acres of a few cereal crops are planted. This is at variance with conserving biodiversity, which is essential for safeguarding the global commons. Worse, higher yielding seeds are quickly adopted by farmers — now over 80 per cent of most crop production comes from a handful of varieties in each crop type. Additionally, growing ecologically unsuitable crops in particular ecosystems is literally killing the planet. But policymakers are failing to grasp that food systems are breaching a breaking point of unsustainability. Policies on food production are not reflecting the exigency for change.

It's absolutely essential to invest billions in a decade-long awareness campaign to reduce wastage of food and change consumer behaviour. If not, climate change prophecies will come true.

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SEPTEMBER 25, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

ONGC STRIKE

THE OIL AND Natural Gas Commission strike will cause production loss of Rs 3 crore daily as the workmen and officers of the Bombay High offshore project have decided to join the strikers. Production from the wells in Gujarat has been totally stopped. The employees of ONGC have been on strike to press their demand for effective police protection to life and honour of those working in the Sibsagar district of Assam. They stopped work following growing incidence of attacks on non-Assamese by some local elements. Production from the Bombay High offshore will be closed from 6 am in pursuance of the decision of the personnel to join the strike.

CPI REJECTS CONG (I)

THE CPI'S DISSENTMENT with the Congress (I) is total despite the party chairman, S A Dange's views. The document on electoral tactics now being discussed by the national council lays down that the party should have no truck with Indira Gandhi's party. It is possible that Dange, who is presiding over the national council session, will try to drive home his point of view. But it is unlikely to make any impact on the majority's approach.

SINO-US TACTICS

THE NEW YORK Times columnist, James Reston, claimed that possible military aid to

Peking is one of the options the administration is weighing if the Soviet Union does not get the Carter administration off the hook on the issue of Soviet combat troops in Cuba. Reston said if Moscow insists on causing Washington trouble in Cuba, Washington will step up its propaganda and its economic appeals to the Communist countries of Eastern Europe, to Ukrainians and other nationalities within the USSR. If necessary — though the Carter administration does not want to play this card — they will move to increase US trade with China, and in the extremity, even to give more economic, technological and particularly military aid to Peking.



Wasting an opportunity

Some municipal authorities, civic-minded citizens are trying to encourage segregation of waste. But there is a disturbing pushback against this effort



CITIES AT CROSSROADS

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THE FIRST RULE of waste management all over the world is that households must keep their wastes separate before it is collected from the doorstep. The Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 in our country prescribe the same. If we do not mix wet waste with dry waste, the burden of solid waste management on our municipalities reduces significantly. The wet waste can be composted locally; the dry recyclable waste can go for recycling and what remains can be safely disposed. Our cities will then be really cleaned up as opposed to just be made to look clean.

Some municipal authorities and civic-minded individuals (mostly women) are inculcating good habits among city dwellers of not mixing waste. But there is a disturbing pushback to this campaign from three forces which are implicitly misguiding people that there are “smart” ways of handling mixed waste, which make segregation unnecessary.

First, the good news. Tamil Nadu has achieved 100 per cent segregation in 20 of its 50 smaller municipalities, and 80 to 90 per cent in the rest. However, the capital city of Chennai is lagging, segregating only 50 per cent of its waste. Waste collection is organised daily for wet waste and once a week for dry waste. This is extremely important because the unmixed transportation and processing of wet and dry waste encourages citizens to keep their waste unmixed too. Wet waste, which is more than half the total waste, is used for composting or biomethanation in a decentralised manner. It reduces, at one stroke, the need for long-distance transportation of waste by half.

In Bengaluru, citizens have taken up the cause themselves. Shanthi Tummala and her team of waste warriors have achieved about 90 per cent segregation in the HSR Layout ward, which has 30,000 households. They have an awareness-building programme and also a strict penalty of Rs 500 when mixed waste is handed out. The ward now houses India’s first compost learning centre where different models of home and lane composting are showcased, and residents can come for training. The Purva Venezia apartment complex with about 1,300 households has been segregating their waste 100 per cent for the last seven years and produces compost of excellent quality. This is being used by farmers to improve their yields.

There are fledgeling efforts even in South Delhi to persuade people to keep their wastes unmixed. Bhavreen Kandhari, a homemaker and an environmental activist, together with a few like-minded residents of Defence Colony, are hard at work building awareness for keeping wet waste separate. They are working with South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) to gain access to biocomposters in the colony. Charu Gupta, a homemaker and Priti Wadhwa, a chartered accountant by profession, of Greater Kailash I, have got together to persuade residents of areas in and around the colony to keep their waste unmixed. They have tied up with Pick My Trash, a joint initiative of the NGO Chintan and Safai Sena (a registered group of waste collectors) for recyclables to be picked up from the locality and transported to a material re-



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covery facility at regular intervals. More households are coming forth, slowly but surely, to segregate their waste at source and participate in this effort. It is heartening to see homemakers becoming community makers. SDMC itself has decided to experiment. In Punjabi Bagh, they have set up a composting plant (1 TPD) and a biomethanation plant (5 TPD), which would require segregating wet waste from dry waste.

The pushback comes, first, from seemingly superior technology, which is actually retrograde. Earlier in these columns, we talked of the perils of waste-to-energy plants which rely on the incineration of mixed waste (‘Toxic plants’, IE, January 30). Such plants in India have been either non-starters or highly polluting failures. Even so, several cities are promoting incineration of mixed waste. Each state would be well advised to set up a high-level technical committee, with environmental experts, to lay down a policy on this issue.

Two additional factors which push the system away from segregating wastes have to do with waste management practices. The practice of entering into waste transport contracts with private parties in which payment for waste transportation is made on a tonnage basis provides an incentive to maximise the weight of waste any which way. They add wet waste, at times malba, and also get their doorstep waste collection staff to mix whatever is given to them separately.

The rapidly growing use of compactors is the other villain. Compactors are expensive machines that squeeze and compress the volume of waste. Whether installed at the dhalao or in the mobile truck, they enable more waste to be carried per trip and, thus, reduce transportation costs. Kolkata Municipal Corporation was the first in 2012 to use compactors at dhalaos. A national daily announced this as “The city took a step ahead towards becoming a vat-free metropolis”. Vat in this context is not a tax but a dustbin in a public space. The central message was that garbage was now going to be out of sight, and there will be no stench and vector-borne diseases in the vicinity. There has been a rapid increase in the purchase of compactors in many cities, including Delhi. Lucknow has purchased 20 compactors, and Ludhiana is proposing to purchase 39 compactors with funds from the Smart City Mission.

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Compactors are the antithesis of segregation. The compacted waste is unfit for any resource recovery or safe disposal. Use of compactors on mixed waste makes it almost impossible to extract the recyclable dry waste such as plastics, metal, paper and cardboard from the mixture. The compression of wet waste in the mixture releases leachate (a black foul-smelling liquid) that is difficult to dispose. Leachate percolates into the soil and contaminates groundwater. When it drains off into the sewer system, it overloads the sewage treatment plants.

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After the compacted waste is transported and dumped, the lack of aeration at the site results in the decomposing wet waste generating methane, a potent greenhouse gas that causes global warming. As waste pickers routinely light fires at landfill sites to extract scrap metal, the presence of methane gas stokes the fire further, and the presence of PVC plastic in the compacted waste means that the burning of plastics would release carcinogenic dioxins and furans.

A much smarter alternative for municipalities under the Smart Cities Mission would be to promote decentralised composting of wet waste, tie-up with local “kabadiwalas” or NGOs for recyclable dry waste, and work on safe disposal of the rest. The savings from eliminating costly secondary transport can easily fund the construction and operation of decentralised centres for the processing of wet and dry waste. Compactor-based waste management is vendor-driven and should be discouraged. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs should either stop financing compactors under the Mission or at least offer municipalities similar levels of support for more sustainable methods of waste management.

There was a similar pushback on alternatives to landfilling when Municipal Solid Waste Rules 2000 were notified. Almitra Patel, a member of the Supreme Court Committee which provided the basis for those Rules, recalls a lecture tour by a manager of New York’s largest landfill at the time to promote landfilling in India. Today, New York plans near-zero waste to landfill by 2030, which is in line with our Rules 2000. The difference is that they are working towards it, while we are far from enforcing the Rules.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“The youth climate movement has created a new sense of urgency. Adults, including politicians, must now focus on plotting a safer course.”

—THEGUARDIAN

The reluctant politician

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, a swayamsevak, was pitchforked to lead the Jana Sangh at a critical juncture in the party’s history



RAM MADHAV

SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE walked out of Jawaharlal Nehru’s cabinet due to ideological differences and started the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS) in 1950. When he approached the RSS for support, the leadership decided to second some of its best pracharaks, including Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Lal Krishna Advani, Sundar Singh Bhandari and Nanaji Deshmukh. Upadhyaya, who would have turned 103 today, became the general secretary of the BJS in the party’s very first session in December 1951 and worked in that capacity for 16 years.

The emergence of BJS was a historic development. The BJS was not just another political outfit but a party with a distinct philosophy and programme. The Congress was the dominant party at that time. The Hindu Maha Sabha, Ram Rajya Parishad and Swatantra Party were no match to the ruling establishment. The communists and socialists too lacked a national appeal and charismatic leadership. The BJS was established to offer a quintessentially Indian alternative to the Nehru’s politics and political philosophy.

For Upadhyaya, politics wasn’t just for capturing power. He would insist on practising value-based and principled politics. The central thrust of his politics was national interest. He was, in fact, a reluctant politician. His mentor, M S Golwalkar of the RSS, once said: “Deen Dayalji was the most reluctant politician, and had many times expressed his distress at the kind of work he has been entrusted with. He would rather prefer to go back to his previous work as a sangh pracharak. I told him that I could see nobody else who would do the work as well as he could. It needed an unshakable faith and complete dedication for a man to remain in this mess and yet be untouched by it.”

That parties could so easily and unthinkingly form alliances without any commitment to principles and programmes came as a rude awakening to Upadhyaya. The changing contours of India’s political landscape were unacceptable to this idealist. He once said: “Different parties have different viewpoints. People don’t take them into account. Out of goodwill they sometimes feel that certain political parties should get together. But there are certain fundamental issues that justify separate existence of the parties. Goodwill alone is not enough. That is why we have decided that we won’t live in any imaginary world and enter into an alliance whose success is doubtful. It would be good to work together on issues where a consensus is possible; otherwise we should operate from our respective platforms.”

The general elections in 1967 saw the

Congress decline in a number of states. Upadhyaya was forced to abandon idealism for pragmatism and realpolitik as the possibility of forming non-Congress coalition governments emerged in many states. The Samyukt Vidhayak Dal (SVD) experiment — a non-Congress alliance of 15 parties — provided an opportunity for the BJS to become a part of the ruling establishment in several states. But it also raised the hackles of many party workers who saw the arrangement as a compromise with party ideology and beliefs. “Let not the Jana Sangh delude itself that by cohabiting with communists, we will be able to change them. *Kharbooja chakkoo par gire, ya chakkoo kharbooja par; katega to kharbooja hi* — whether the melon falls on the knife or the knife falls on the melon, it is the melon that gets cut,” argued a party leader.

Upadhyaya had to use a combination of wisdom and realpolitik to convince the cadres about the efficacy of the SVD experiment. “It is an irony of the country’s political situation that while untouchability in the social field is considered to be evil, it is sometimes extolled as a virtue in the political field. If a party does not wish to practise untouchability towards its rival in the political establishment, it is supposed to be doing something wrong. We, in the Jana Sangh, certainly do not agree with the communist strategy, tactics and political culture. But that does not justify an attitude of untouchability towards them. If they are willing to work with us on the basis of issues, or as part of a government committed to an agreed programme, I see nothing wrong in it. The SVD governments are a step towards ending political untouchability. The spirit of accommodation shown by all parties, despite their sharp differences, is a good omen for democracy,” he argued.

Upadhyay became president of the BJS at the party conclave in Kozhikode in December 1967. In the RSS scheme of things, pracharaks are expected only to work as the organisational backbone, never to come to the forefront. However, in the case of Upadhyay, an exception had to be made because of the peculiar situation that developed in the party at that juncture. Several years later, Golwalkar would throw some light on the thinking of the RSS leadership at that time. “He (Deen Dayal) really never wanted this high honour, nor did I wish to burden him with it. But circumstances so contrived that I had to ask him to accept the president post. He obeyed like a true swayamsevak, which he was,” said Golwalkar.

But this arrangement was short-lived. Two months after becoming the president, on February 11, 1968, Upadhyay’s body was found by the side of the railway track near Mughal Sarai station in Uttar Pradesh. He was just 52. He was the second top Jana Sangh leader to die under mysterious circumstances — the first being the founder, Syama Prasad Mookerjee, who also died mysteriously on June 23, 1953. Mookerjee too was 52 at the time of his demise.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CLIMATE ACTION

THIS REFERS TO the report ‘On climate change, India not just talking but has plan: PM’ (IE, September 24). Young climate activist Greta Thunberg has rightly said that the generations that have polluted the most have burdened her generation with the extreme impacts of climate change. While addressing on climate change at UN Headquarters, Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only talked about the seriousness of this issue but has also proposed attainable solutions. Increasing use of renewable resources, use of e-mobility, Jal Jeevan mission and many other steps are effective if executed well. Making the needs of the young and the generations to come the focus of climate change mitigation programmes will make these projects more effective.

Sugandha Jain, Jammu

HOME AND WORLD

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Brothers in arms’ (IE, September 24). The bonhomie between US President Donald Trump and PM Narendra Modi may not lead to expected gains for India since Trump is committed to the policy of “America First”. The issue of border security came up during the “Howdy, Modi” event. Pakistan has accelerated its support to terror outfits and its offer of talks is meaningless. Tightening security is imperative. To maintain peace, let’s put our house in order first. PM’s contact with the diaspora could boost the country’s sagging economy.

Subhash Vaid, Noida

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

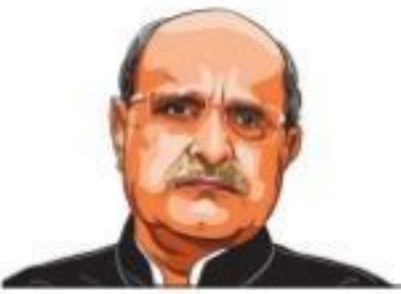
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GARDEN PATH

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Houston, we have a spectacle’ (IE, September 24). “Howdy Modi” was nothing but a gala event where PM Narendra Modi and US president Donald Trump have led many along a garden path by singing hosanna to each other for political motives. The sad thing is that many of us believe what they say and are ready to forego our right to free expression and openness under the illusion of having power and control over others.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur



K C TYAGI

AFTER HIS DOUBLE defeat in the legislative elections, Benjamin Netanyahu is exploring all the possibilities to retain his decades-old doctrine in Israel. He even appealed to his nearest rival, Benny Gantz, to form a Unity Government, but the proposal was rejected. No party could get the majority number of 61 in the 120-member Knesset. The picture was almost the same when no party could prove majority after the first election held in April, and the nation again went to the polls on September 17. The new results witnessed a typical change in the voting pattern of the Arab Israeli who had almost boycotted the elections earlier — more than 50 per cent of the minority population had not used their voting right.

But this time, the Arab-Majority Joint List Party, with 13 seats, is being seen as a king maker. Netanyahu’s Likud party (31 seats) and his rival Blue and White party — headed by former military chief of staff, Benny Gantz (33 seats) — need to reach the figure of 61 to form a government. Hopefully, the parties won’t prefer to go to the polls thrice and will attempt a coalition. It is now clear that the Blue and White party will not form the Unity Government, which includes all the religious right-wing parties and would intend to form a broad Unity Government led by Gantz. The

right-wingers were accused of bribery and corruption during the campaigns. The nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu party — headed by Avigdor Liberman, a former defence minister — also holds eight seats, and would play a decisive role in government formation. But he has made it clear that it cannot join the government with the Arab-majority Joint List party: Hence, the Gantz leadership can ally either with the Arab List party having 13 seats or with Liberman’s party which has eight seats: The same Liberman had prevented Netanyahu from forming a coalition after the April election because he refused to back down on a dispute with religious parties over exempting ultra-orthodox men from the military services.

Apart from this, Gantz can count on the support of Labour, which has six seats, and the Left-wing Democratic Union with five seats. In contrast, Netanyahu can count on the support of parties like Shas, United Torah Judaism and Yamina along with other ultra-orthodox right wing parties. This coalition might gather the support of 55 seats, but will remain shy of the majority. But it is not the first time when Israel has witnessed a deadlocked election. In 1984, the then prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, from the Likud bloc, and the opposition leader, Shimon Peres from Labor Party, had formed

the government of National Unity.

This election result is important for the rest of the world. The whole world was upset due to the illegal and aggressive policies imposed by Netanyahu cabinet. It had passed a new Settlement Bill which legalises Israeli settlement homes on private Palestine land in the West Bank. Around 120 formal settlements have been established on disputed territories. More importantly, Donald Trump seems to have been favourable to such acts of Israel. Before the April elections, Trump had formally recognised Israeli sovereignty over the disputed Golan Heights which had created tensions in the west Asian region.

This controversial move by the US president was just a tactic to help Netanyahu retain power, which did not work. The US recognition in December 2017 of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, the shifting of the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and many such incidents, have caused controversy over the last three years. All such moves are against UN resolutions. The controversial Jewish Nation-State Bill, 2018, which officially defines Israel as the national homeland for the Jewish people, was termed as “Apartheid” by the international community including the EU and the Arab nations.

Despite knowing the sensitivity of Golan Heights, West Bank and Jerusalem, Trump’s repeated steps to boost Israeli settlements in these disputed territories are against the spirit of UN resolutions. The US has always been protecting Israel in the UNSC: According to statistics from 1991 to 2011, the US used 15 out of 24 vetoes to protect Israel alone. Trump has enjoyed around 25 per cent of the Jewish vote in the last general elections. Many of his key advisors are Jewish too. David Friedman, a staunch supporter of West Bank, was appointed the US Ambassador to Israel under the new US regime. Trump’s son in-law, Jared Kushner, is allegedly involved in projects of the settlements along the West Bank.

As far as a new Israeli regime is concerned, it will also work on the same idea of “one nation theory”. But the world community would definitely expect from Israel’s new prime minister that he puts all his efforts into maintaining peace on a decades-long crisis under the two nations theory. The world also expects that under the new leadership, Israel will not contravene the resolutions of the UN and EU.

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TOPOF THE WORLD



Carrie Lam

HONG KONG
20,000 apply for chance to 'vent anger' at government

Hong Kong: Hong Kong's embattled leader said Tuesday more than 20,000 people have applied to take part in a dialogue session with her and "vent their anger" at the government after three months of huge pro-democracy protests. It is the government's first attempt to reach out to the protesters since millions took to the streets in the biggest challenge to China's rule since the city's handover from Britain in 1997. Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam said Thursday's meeting would be an opportunity for people to have their voices heard but some protesters said they were not interested as their demands are already clear.

YEMEN
Tribal leaders say Saudi-led airstrikes kill 13

Sanaa: Airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition fighting Yemen's rebels on Tuesday killed at least 13 civilians, including children, when they hit a residential building in southern Dhale province, tribal leaders and health officials said. The airstrikes in the district of Qataba also wounded at least 10 others, they said. The casualties were from two families. Elsewhere in Dhale, Houthis forces shot dead three people during a raid in the mountainous Awd area, the tribal leaders said. Tuesday's airstrikes came four days after the Houthis said they were halting drone attacks against Saudi Arabia

PAKISTAN
20 suspects held in child serial killer probe

Chunian: Pakistani police have detained 20 suspects as they investigate the possibility of a serial killer being behind the suspected murder and sexual assault of three boys in a district which has a history of child abuse and abduction. The body of eight-year-old Muhammad Faizan was found on an industrial estate, after he went missing on the way home from nearby shops. The remains of two more boys were found nearby. Local media reported three other children from the area had been missing.

EGYPT
Cairo: 6 Muslim Brotherhood killed in shootout

Cairo: Egyptian security forces killed six suspected members of the now-outlawed Muslim Brotherhood in a shootout in Cairo, the Interior Ministry said Tuesday, amid tight security across the capital following rare anti-government protests over the weekend. The six were killed in a firefight when police raided their hide-out in the Cairo suburb of Sixth of October, the ministry said in a brief statement. The ministry oversees police forces.



The devastation in Mirpur on Tuesday. Reuters

26 dead, 300 injured in PoK after quake jolts northeast Pakistan

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 24

A POWERFUL 5.8-magnitude earthquake jolted Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and several cities in the north-eastern parts of the country on Tuesday, killing at least 26 people and wounding over 300 others.

According to US Geological Survey, the epicentre of the quake was near New Mirpur in PoK, which was severely affected by the quake. The depth of the quake, which occurred at 4.02 pm (local time), was at 10 kilometres.

According to the Home Department, 26 people were

Eight babies die in Algeria hospital fire, officials say

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ALGIERS, SEPTEMBER 24

EIGHT BABIES were killed when a fire ripped through a maternity hospital in eastern Algeria before dawn on Tuesday, emergency services said.

"We managed to rescue 11 babies, 107 women and 28 staff" after the 3.50 am (0250 GMT) fire in the hospital in Oued Souf, 500 kilometres (300 miles) southeast of Algiers, spokesman Nassim Bernaoui said.

"Unfortunately we regret the deaths of eight babies, some from burns and others from smoke inhalation," he said, adding that the entire hospital had been evacuated.

Dozens of fire engines were deployed to bring the blaze under control.

The cause of the fire was not immediately clear, Bernaoui said. According to Algerian public television, preliminary enquiries suggested an electric anti-mosquito device short-circuited and caused the fire.

Images of charred children's wards were published by local media. Private television channel Ennahar TV aired footage of Oued Souf residents protesting outside the hospital watched by the security forces.

Pakistan Meteorological Department's earthquake centre said the 5.8-magnitude earthquake was located near the city of Jehlum in Punjab province

killed and over 300 injured in Mirpur and surrounding areas due to the powerful quake.

Pakistan Meteorological Department's earthquake centre said the 5.8-magnitude earthquake was located near the mountainous city of Jehlum in Punjab province. However, Minister for Science Fawad Chaudhry said that the intensity of the quake was 7.1.

Some houses collapsed in Mirpur following the earthquake, Deputy Commissioner

Raja Qaiser said. Parts of a mosque also collapsed in the area. Emergency has been declared in hospitals across PoK.

TV channels showed footage of heavily damaged roads in Mirpur, with many vehicles overturned. Several cars fell into the deep cracks on the roads. The building of the state-run Broadcasting House in Mirpur was badly damaged.

Several cities including Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Lahore,

Skardu, Kohat, Charsadda, Kasur, Faisalabad, Gujrat, Sialkot, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Chitral, Malakand, Multan, Shangla, Okara, Nowshera, Attock and Jhang felt the tremor.

Prime Minister Imran Khan, who is in New York to attend the UN General Assembly, expressed grief over the loss of human life. He directed all the concerned departments to provide immediate assistance to the quake-hit areas. President Arif Alvi also expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives.

Pakistan Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa directed "immediate rescue operation in aid of civil administration" for victims of earthquake in PoK. **PTI**



Protesters run from teargas fired by police during a protest in Makassar, Indonesia, Tuesday. AP

Thousands protest new Indonesia laws, 32 dead in separate Papua riot

AGENCIES
JAKARTA, SEPTEMBER 24

POLICE FIRED teargas and water cannon to disperse protesters outside Indonesia's Parliament Tuesday as thousands demonstrated nationwide against a new criminal code that would, among other things, outlaw premarital sex and weaken the country's anti-graft agency.

Protesters covered their faces and scattered in all directions as chaos erupted in the centre of the sprawling capital, Jakarta.

Meanwhile, the death toll from violent protests in the restive Papua province has risen to 32 after several bodies were found under burned buildings,

EXPLAINED Changes to sex, graft laws anger students

THE NEW criminal code that has angered thousands of students reduces the powers of the Corruption Eradication Commission, the country's independent anti-graft body. The laws also criminalise sex before marriage and ban living together outside of marriage. Insulting the President, state institutions and symbols would also be banned under the new laws. Abortion, without a medical emergency or rape, is also punishable under the new laws.

officials said Tuesday.

An angry mob torched local government buildings, shops and homes and set fire to cars and motorbikes in Papua

province's Wamena city on Monday in a protest by hundreds of people sparked by rumors that a teacher had insulted an indigenous student.



"We must do everything possible to avert the great fracture and maintain a universal system, a universal economy with universal respect for international law." — ANTONIO GUTERRES, UN Secretary-General

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Trump accuses Iran of blood lust, warns China over trade war

Future belongs to patriots, not globalists, he says at UN

REUTERS & AP
UNITED NATIONS, SEPTEMBER 24

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Tuesday denounced Iran's "blood lust" and called on other nations to join the United States to pressure Iran after attacks on Saudi oil facilities, but said there is a path to peace.

"America knows that while anyone can make war, only the most courageous can choose peace," Trump said in an address to the United Nations General Assembly annual gathering of world leaders.

In his third annual UN appearance, Trump offered a more subdued tone compared to the bombast of his previous speeches to the UN in 2017 and 2018, looking to convey a more reassuring presence as he asks Americans for a second term next year despite a fresh push for his impeachment among some Democrats.

The President implored the world's leaders to prioritise their own nations, stressing the benefits of strong borders and one-on-one trade deals while rejecting sweeping transnational organisations and alliances.

"The future does not belong to globalists. The future belongs to patriots. The future belongs to strong, independent nations," Trump told a murmuring crowd at the General Assembly. "Globalism exerted a religious pull over past leaders causing them to ignore their own national interests. Those days are over."

The response to Trump in the chamber was relatively muted, a year after the crowd laughed



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when he boasted about his achievements and gasped in 2017 when he threatened to wipe out North Korea.

On Iran, Trump said, "All nations have a duty to act. No responsible government should subsidize Iran's blood lust. As long as Iran's menacing behavior continues sanctions will not be lifted, they will be tightened."

Trump had a stern message for China and its President, Xi Jinping, with whom he is locked in a trade war that is damaging both their economies. He said the world is watching how Beijing handles mass demonstrations in Hong Kong that have heightened fears of a potential Chinese crackdown.

"Hopefully we can reach an agreement that will be beneficial to both countries. But as I have made clear I will not accept a bad deal for the American people," Trump said.

Trump ordered Ukraine aid frozen before calling its leader

More Democrats seek to begin impeachment proceedings

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WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 24

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump personally ordered his staff to freeze nearly \$400 million in aid to Ukraine a few days before a phone call in which he pressured the Eastern European nation's leader to investigate the family of political rival Joe Biden, a revelation that comes as more Democrats move toward impeachment proceedings.

Trump, in remarks to reporters at the United Nations on Tuesday, said he held up the aid to fight corruption and urge European nations to share in helping out Ukraine.

"I'd withhold again," Trump said. "And I'll continue to withhold until such time as Europe and other nations contribute to Ukraine." He named Germany and France as among the coun-



A Trump phone call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has led to a whistleblower complaint

tries that should "put up money."

The matter, which is now part of a whistleblower complaint, has sparked questions about whether the president improperly used his office to pressure a foreign country to help his own reelection prospects. Democrats are demanding more information about the whistleblower's allegations, and more than a dozen have for the first time

raised the prospect of impeaching the President. They include a group of moderate House freshmen in competitive districts.

At issue is a summer phone call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in which Trump is said to have pushed for investigations into Biden and his son. In the days before that call, Trump ordered that aid to Ukraine be frozen, according to two people familiar with but not authorized to discuss private conversations. They spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Trump has insisted he did nothing wrong and has denied that any requests for help in procuring damaging information about the Bidens were tied to the aid freeze. Biden is among the leading candidates in the Democratic presidential primary.

The United States began providing military aid to the government of Ukraine shortly after Russia illegally annexed Ukraine's Crimean peninsula in 2014. **AP**

HARARE'S MAIN WATER TREATMENT PLANT SHUT DOWN

Zimbabwe's capital runs dry as taps cut off for 2 million people

FARAI MUTSAKA
HARARE, SEPTEMBER 24

THE MORE than 2 million residents of Zimbabwe's capital and surrounding towns are now without water after authorities shut down the city's main treatment plant, raising new fears about disease after a recent cholera outbreak while the economy crumbles further.

Officials in Harare have struggled to raise foreign currency to import water treatment chemicals; about \$2.7 million is needed per month. Meanwhile, water levels in polluted dams

are dropping because of drought.

"Everyone living in Harare is affected, they don't have water," City Council spokesman Michael Chideme said Tuesday, as residents turned to options such as bottled water or wells.

Chideme called it a dangerous situation because of the risk of water-borne diseases. "Maybe the situation will be resolved by tomorrow but we are not sure," he said.

The capital now frequently records cases of diseases such as typhoid due to water shortages and dilapidated sewer infrastructure. Some residents are



forced to get water from shallow, unsafe wells and defecate

in the open. The Associated Press earlier

this month watched some residents pump water then wait a

Residents wait to fetch water at a borewell in Harare on Tuesday. Officials in Harare have struggled to raise foreign currency to import water treatment chemicals. AP

half-hour for enough water to seep into the well to pump again.

Twenty-six people died last year in a cholera outbreak, leading President Emmerson Mnangagwa to express public dismay that Zimbabweans were suffering from a "medieval" disease.

The country once was a bright spot in southern Africa and a regional breadbasket but the economy has collapsed in recent years, and foreign currency is hard to come by. Prices for many basic items continue to rise, and the public health care system falters as some doctors and others say they can

hardly afford the commute to work.

As services largely collapse, many Harare residents in recent months have found themselves lining up at wells in the middle of the night for water or lighting their homes by candle or mobile phone.

The deepening frustrations have exploded more than once into protests that have swiftly been followed by sometimes violent government crackdowns.

The economic and social pressures follow Mnangagwa as he attends the annual United Nations gathering of world leaders this week. **AP**

SECTOR WATCH

AVIATION

Align conditions for the return of Boeing 737 MAX: IATA to regulators

US FAA says individual nations will decide when the plane can fly again

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

AT A time when aviation regulators across the world have indicated that they would be running assessments of the Boeing 737 MAX independent of the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has called for an alignment among regulators for re-entry of the grounded aircraft.

“The real point is to restore mutual trust among regulators and a complete alignment to ensure that the single certification system works properly as it has for the past 70-80 years. That is the key priority,” said Alexandre de Juniac, director general and CEO of IATA – a trade body representing 290 airlines across the world.

Regulators including the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), UAE’s General Civil Aviation Authority and even India’s Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have indicated conducting their own validation tests before clearing the aircraft – which saw two fatal crashes within five months, killing 346 people on board.

“You lose the effectiveness of the single system of certification which is based on one authority responsible for certification and mutual recognition in the other part of the world, which is the key element. It will make everything complex and create a mistrust in the old system, which I think is a big problem. That is the reason we are urging regulators to align their conditions and schedules,” de Juniac told reporters during a conference call on Tuesday.

Earlier this month, *The Indian Express* reported

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ALEXANDRE DE JUNIAC
DIRECTOR GENERAL-CEO, IATA

about DGCA’s plans for conducting independent tests on Boeing’s 737 MAX, which counts Indian budget carrier SpiceJet as one of its customers.

A DGCA official had said that while it was still early days to spell out India’s plan of action, a validation of the plane will be conducted to ensure all safety parameters are met. India had grounded the aircraft model in March “until appropriate modifications and safety measures are undertaken to ensure their safe operations”.

On Monday, the US FAA had pointed out that it still has no timeframe to lift the grounding of the aircraft, and that individual countries will decide when the plane can fly again.

“Our first priority is safety, and we have set no timeframe for when the work will be completed. Each government will make its own decision to return the aircraft to service, based on a thorough safety assessment,” the US FAA said in a statement.

The FAA’s comments followed a meeting held by the US aviation watchdog with international regulators in Montreal, and indicate a deadlock between various regulators on the decision to allow the aircraft’s re-entry into service.

FINMIN SLASHED CORPORATE TAX RATE LAST FRIDAY

Das on tax rates: Competitive, compared to emerging markets

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

RESERVE BANK of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Tuesday said the reduction in corporate tax rates announced by the government is a “very bold measure” which makes Indian companies competitive from taxation standpoint. In its biggest booster dose to a slowing economy, the Centre on Friday announced a cut in corporate taxes for domestic companies to 22 per cent and for new domestic manufacturing companies to 15 per cent, hoping it will kickstart stalled private investment and fuel growth.

“It is a very bold measure, and it is a highly positive step. India’s corporate tax now becomes very competitive compared to other emerging market economies in ASEAN and other parts of Asia. So far as international investors are concerned, so far as FDI is concerned, I think India stands definitely in a very competitive position, and would be able to attract higher investments,” Das said, as per a *PTI* report. “Domestic investors will now have more cash, enabling them to undertake more capital expenditure. They can invest more and some of them can leverage their liabilities which will add strength to their balance

EXPLAINED

RBI lowering rates could complement tax cuts by Centre

AFTER MEETING Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman ahead of the monetary policy review meeting in October, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das’s endorsement that corporate tax cuts are bold and positive moods possibly indicate that the central bank is comfortable with fiscal implications of such a move. The extent of fiscal deficit is an important variable that the RBI monitors in deciding its stance on interest rates.

The government has maintained that the deficit target will not be breached despite tax cuts. It may well be followed by rate cuts by RBI.

sheets,” Das said after meeting Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in a customary meeting ahead of the monetary policy review early next month.

Apart from reduction in corporate tax rates, the government announced other measures such as relief on the Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) payout, the surcharge on capital gains on sale of equity shares and on the tax incidence on share buy-backs, estimated to cost the exchequer Rs 1.45 lakh crore annually. The reduction in corporate tax, effectively, brings India’s ‘headline’ corporate tax rate broadly at par with the average of 23 per cent rate in

Asian countries.

The new effective tax rate, inclusive of surcharge and cess, for domestic companies would be 25.17 per cent and for new domestic manufacturing companies would be 17.01 per cent.

These rates would be applicable to companies that forgo the current exemptions and incentives. Also, MAT will not apply to such companies. For firms that choose to continue with pre-amended tax rates, companies will see their MAT incidence come down to 15 per cent from 18.5 per cent currently.

“There is a long tradition that the governor meets the Finance

Minister and discusses about the overall macro economic position. So today’s meeting was basically that,” Das said. The three-day monetary policy committee meeting will begin on October 1 amid expectations of rate cut to be announced on October 4 in a bid to revive the sagging economy.

After slashing key policy rate – repo rate – four times in a row (110 basis points) this year to revive growth and investments, the RBI Governor had last Thursday indicated there could be more reduction in the policy rate in the near future, in the wake of low inflation and the deepening slowdown in the economy. “When we see that the price stability is maintained and inflation is much below the four per cent mandate and is expected to be so in the next 12 months horizon, there’s a room for more rate cuts especially when growth has slowed down,” Das had said at the India Economic Summit of *Bloomberg*.

While low inflation has created space for more rate cuts, some analysts argue that tax cuts announced by the government could lead to spurt in fiscal deficit, pushing the government to borrow more from the markets.

Higher market borrowings typically affect interest rate transmission and lower chances of interest rate cuts by the RBI.

‘Retailers eye small towns as weak sales, e-comm weigh’

Rising rentals in shopping malls and stiff price competition from e-commerce players have made it difficult for retailers, pushing them to expand in smaller towns and adopt omni-channel strategy to run healthy businesses, JLL said in its report ‘Urbanisation, Aspiration, Innovation - The New Paradigm of India Retail’

MAJOR CHALLENGES FACED BY RETAILERS:

- Under-performing, less efficient stores
- Huge inventory pile-up of merchandise in stores
- Stiff price competition from dominant e-commerce players
- Poor inventory management

TARGETING TIER II AND TIER III MARKETS:

To deal with the challenges, retailers are shifting to tier II and III markets, where the brand presence is minimal

30-40%

lower realty costs: Real estate costs in tier II and tier III markets are 30-40 per



cent lower than those in metros and tier I markets

MEASURES USED BY RETAILERS TO IMPROVE BUSINESS:

- Optimising store sizes

- Creating multiple touch-points for consumers
- Adopting omni-channel approach
- Choosing better performing Grade A/prominent malls

LEASE RENEWALS STEEP IN HIGH-OCCUPANCY MALLS:

Leasing transactions are being renewed at steep premiums in malls where occupancy is around 90 per cent, with many marquee malls seeing a three-fold jump in rentals

2X RISE IN LEASE RENEWALS BY PREMIUM BRANDS:

Premium brands are renewing their leases at almost twice the earlier rents, according to the report, which has resulted in the tenure of mall leases being shortened, and thus, many brands are finding it difficult to survive under the burden

CDSCO flags ranitidine over possible presence of carcinogenic impurity

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

OVER A week after the US food and drug regulator raised concerns over popular heartburn drug ‘ranitidine’ being contaminated with cancer-causing substances, India’s top drug regulatory body has begun looking into the issue in India.

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) Monday wrote to state regulators asking them to “communicate to the manufacturers of ranitidine API (active pharma-

A letter by DCGI does not call for any halting of supplies, which means the products – known popularly through brand names like ‘Aciloc’, ‘Zinetac’, ‘Rantac’, ‘R-Loc’ and ‘Ranititn’ – will continue to be marketed in the country

ceutical ingredient) and formulations under your jurisdiction to verify their products and take appropriate measures to ensure patient safety.”

In its letter, a copy of which *The Indian Express* reviewed, the regulator has also asked states to inform it of any action taken

in this matter “at the earliest”.

“It has been reported from other countries that some ranitidine medicines contain a nitrosamine impurity called N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) at low levels,” stated Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) VG Somani in the letter.

The letter, however, does not call for any halting of supplies, which means the products – known popularly through brand names like ‘Aciloc’, ‘Zinetac’, ‘Rantac’, ‘R-Loc’ and ‘Ranititn’ – will continue to be marketed in the country.

On September 13, the US Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) said in a release it had learned that some ranitidine medicines, including those commonly known under the brand name Zantac, contained “low levels” of NDMA. It added it was evaluating whether these levels of the substance posed a

risk to patients.

“Although NDMA may cause harm in large amounts, the levels the FDA is finding in ranitidine from preliminary tests barely exceed amounts you might expect to find in common foods,” the US watchdog added.

While the US FDA too has not called for individuals to stop taking ranitidine at this time, some Indian drug makers have decided to halt supplies of their ranitidine products until investigations are concluded.

Dr Reddy’s Laboratories on Sunday told *PTI* that it was sus-

pending supply of its ranitidine “worldwide” as a precaution.

NDMA, an environmental contaminant found in water and foods, is the same impurity that the US FDA had investigated in blood pressure drugs valsartan and losartan over the last year.

However, in that case, recalls of batches of these drugs were called due to the levels of the contaminants being at ‘unacceptable’ levels. In India, ranitidine is an over Rs 680 crore market, according to pharmaceutical market research firm AIOCD PharmaTrac.

Facebook acquires startup CTRL Labs working on mind-control of machines

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SAN FRANCISCO, SEPTEMBER 24

FACEBOOK ON Monday said it had made a deal to buy a startup working on ways to command computers or other devices using thought instead of taps, swipes, or keystrokes.

CTRL Labs will become part of Facebook Reality Labs with an aim at perfecting the technology and getting it into consumer products, according to Andrew Bosworth, vice president of augmented and virtual reality at the California-based social network.

“We know there are more natural, intuitive ways to interact with devices and technology,”

Bosworth said in a post at Facebook announcing the acquisition.

“And we want to build them. The vision for this work is a wristband that lets people control their devices as a natural extension of movement.”

Bosworth explained that the wristband will decode electrical impulses such as those sent to hand muscles telling them to move certain ways, such as clicking a computer mouse or pressing a button.

The wristband will translate impulses into signals a device can comprehend, having thoughts rather than mouse clicks or button presses prompt actions on computers, according to Facebook.

BRIEFLY

Oil falls 2% over trade war fears

Houston: Oil prices fell 2 per cent on Tuesday as US President Donald Trump fanned market fears that Sino-American trade tensions are far from settled amid ongoing negotiations. Brent crude futures fell \$1.35, or 2 percent, to \$63.42 a barrel by 1708 GMT. West Texas Intermediate futures were down \$1.12, or 1.9 per cent, at \$57.52 a barrel. **REUTERS**

PayNearby buys WeCare

Mumbai: Hyperlocal fintech firm PayNearby said it has acquired WeCare Insurance Broking Services. Regulator IRDAI has granted insurance broking license to PayNearby, resulting in creation of Nearby Insurance Broking Services Pvt Ltd. PayNearby CEO Anand Kumar Bajaj said it will ensure that financial protection is available for all. **ENS**

Barney resigns as RCom CEO

New Delhi: Global Cloud Xchange Tuesday said that Bill Barney has quit as CEO of Reliance Communications to focus full time at the helm of GCX. **PTI**

THREE-JUDGE BENCH GIVES CoC 21 DAYS TO SEEK BIDS

SC allows Amtek Auto RP to invite fresh bids

ENSECONOMICBUREAU

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday allowing the resolution professional (RP) and lenders of debt-hit Amtek Auto to invite fresh bids for the insolvent company within 21 days. It also asked the firm's Committee of Creditors (CoC) to decide on final resolution plan within two weeks thereafter.

Tuesday's order saved the auto components manufacturer from liquidation after no resolution was found within the 270-day deadline, after UK-based Liberty House — the successful bidder — backed out citing technical reasons.

NOV 15 DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTION

- The final decision on the resolution plan has to be placed before the SC on November 5 as the deadline for resolution is November 15
- Amtek Auto has a liability of around Rs 11,500 crore

A three-judge Bench led by justice Arun Mishra asked the RP to publish advertisements for

fresh bids on Wednesday. The CoC has 21 days to seek bids and will have to take a call on final bid in two weeks thereafter. The final decision on the resolution plan has to be placed before the SC on November 5 as the deadline for resolution is November 15.

The apex court had earlier on September 6 stayed the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's decision that ordered liquidation of Amtek Auto.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the lenders, requested the Bench to extend the time for resolution and allow the CoC to invite fresh bids. Amtek Auto has a liability of around Rs 11,500 crore. **FE**

‘Won’t allow driverless cars ... will not let jobs of 1 cr people be snatched away’

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

UNION MINISTER Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday said he will not allow driverless cars in India as these could take away jobs of several lakh people in the country.

“Several big personalities from the country met me and

said they want to bring driverless vehicles to India. I clearly told them that till I am there, I shall not allow driverless cars in India. I was asked whether I oppose new technology. I said not at all. There are 40 lakh drivers in the country and a shortage of 25 lakh drivers. I will not let the jobs of 1 crore people be snatched away,” Gadkari said.

The Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSME was addressing an event to distribute leather tool kits at a function organised by Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

Gadkari said that social and economic equality will not come from speeches but with real action. Distribution of tool kits to leather artisans is such an action.

Many of our coal-based power plants gasping for breath: Garg

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

ASSERTING THAT Rs 5 lakh crore investment in coal-based power plants was in jeopardy due to the dry fuel shortage, Power Secretary SC Garg on Tuesday — addressing a round table conference on coal here at India Energy Forum — said there is an urgent need to bring in large global players for commercial mining to boost output.

“Many of our coal-based power plants in power sector are today gasping for breath. Some of them are in NCLT, some are producing 15 per cent some 20 per cent, some of them are not producing at all,” Garg said.

Some NCR exporters, Kandla SEZ units involved in GST fraud, says DGCI Ahmedabad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

AHMEDABAD, SEPTEMBER 24

THE AHMEDABAD zonal unit of Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGCI) said it has detected multiple units at the Kandla Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Gandhidham fraudulently claiming input tax credit against exports of sin goods.

According to DGCI, a few units in Kandla SEZ, in connivance with about 20 exporter firms based in the National Capital Region (NCR), had conspired wherein low-grade material like scented zarda, tobacco extract, filter khaini etc, were manufactured without payment of tax by few Noida-based units or were procured from the local market at the rate of Rs 150 – 350

per kilogram and were shown to be exported to the SEZ-based units at the rate of Rs 5000 to Rs 9,000 per kilogram.

DGCI has identified more than 25 suppliers from states such as Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, who issued fake invoices of over Rs 1,000 crore, to the NCR-based exporters, without supply of goods, to facilitate refunds.

While the said suppliers are either non-existent or are being indirectly controlled by the exporters themselves, according to the intelligence unit, subsequently, refund of accumulated income tax credit, in excess of Rs 400 crore have been claimed by the said exporters from the GST authorities of the concerned jurisdiction.

‘WeWork co-founder Neumann to quit as CEO’

JOSHUA FRANKLIN & ANIRBAN SEN

NEW YORK/BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 24

WEWORK CO-FOUNDER Adam Neumann has agreed to resign as chief executive of the US office-sharing company but will remain as non-executive chairman, bowing to pressure from some of his investors, people familiar with the matter said on Tuesday.

The decision, taken at a board meeting on Tuesday, follows a challenge to Neumann's authority by his biggest investors, including Japan's SoftBank Group Corp, venture capital firm Benchmark Capital and Chinese private equity firm Hony Capital, the sources said. **REUTERS**

Uber gets two-month London operating licence

COSTAS PITAS

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 24

UBER ON Tuesday received only a two-month London operating licence, failing to secure a maximum five-year term in a battle with the regulator which has previously stripped the app of its right to take rides.

Transport for London (TfL) rejected the company's licence renewal request in 2017 due to failings it said it found in its approach to reporting serious criminal offences and driver background checks, prompting legal action.

A judge in 2018 then granted Uber a probationary 15-month licence, which expires on September 25. **REUTERS**

17 Indian firms in Forbes’ ‘World’s Best Regarded’ list

New Delhi: As many as 17 Indian companies, including Infosys, TCS and HDFC, have been named in the list of World's Best Regarded Companies compiled by Forbes.

IT major Infosys has been

ranked third in the list of World's Best Regarded Companies, along with global payments technology company Visa and Italian car-maker Ferrari on the first and second position, respectively. **PTI**



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LETTER OF INVITATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT)
Expression of Interest for selection of Consultants to provide services towards Project Management, Design, Construction, Supervision and Program Management under Karnataka Integrated Urban Water Management Programme (KIUWMIP)

KUIDFC, a Government of Karnataka organization, is the nodal agency for Implementation of Karnataka Integrated Urban Water Management and Investment Programme (KIUWMIP) with financial assistance of Asian Development Bank. Under the program some works are taken up by State funds. The proposed works have been taken up in two towns Viz, Mangaluru & Udupi. Services of consultants are required for these Projects.

KUIDFC intends to procure services of Consultants to provide services towards Project Management Design construction supervision:

ULB	Name of work	Tranche
Mangaluru	• Rehabilitation and reconstruction of existing sewerage system in Zone 3 & 5 at old Mangaluru City • Providing sewerage system in Zone 9, 12 & 13 at Mangaluru City	Tranche-02
Udupi	• Construction of 41 MLD WTP at Udupi City	Tranche-02

The Services of the Consultants will be for a period of **27 Months** co-terminus with the individual contracts in each ULB. The engagement of consultants will be on the QCBS method of selection following Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement (KTPP) Act, 1999.

Expression of Interest is invited from the reputed Consultancy firms/JVs having relevant experience in urban sector for providing Consultancy services for Project Management, Design, Construction supervision and program management. The expression of interest (EOI) should be submitted with following details along with documentary proof:

- Details of firms
- Details of annual turnover during past five years (2014-19) (Avg 2.5 Cr)
- Details of permanent professional staff and organization structure
- Experience in urban infrastructure development projects as a DPR of minimum two projects size to be more than or equal to Rs. 30 cr)
- Experience in infrastructure projects as supervision and project management consultants in water supply/ sewerage of minimum two projects (each project size to be more than or equal to Rs.2.36 cr)

Note: The Consultants are working under KUIDFC will be considering on the performance of services.

RFP will be issued to the shortlisted consultancy firms for submission of Technical and financial proposals.

The EOI complete in all respects (as per the format uploaded) should be submitted online through <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> on or before **09.10.2019**. The date of opening of the EOI will be on **11.10.2019**. Please visit <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> for further details. In case of any query the interested firm may contact KUIDFC (email id: rajiv@kuidfc.com). KUIDFC reserves the right to reject any or all EoIs without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Task Manager, KIUWMIP - KUIDFC, Bengaluru



MUMBAI PORT TRUST
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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)
Tender No. CMO-05 Dated 23/09/2019


Chief Medical Officer, Mumbai Port Trust invites online tender for **Selection of Independent Engineer for Establishment of 600-Bedded Super Specialty Hospital Project** at Mumbai Port Trust Hospital on PPP. Tender documents are available from **25/09/2019** at www.mumbaiport.gov.in, www.eprocure.gov.in and <https://etender.procuretiger.com>
MbPT-23-2019



BM-1 DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
321, 3RD FLOOR, SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH PLACE, GOLE MARKET, NEW DELHI-110001

Tender Id: 2019_NDMC_180734_1

e-procurement Tender Notice
Name of work: Sanitation Expenses
SH: Mechanized house-keeping work at Mohan Singh Place and Palika Place Complex Market of NDMC Area.
Estimated Cost : Rs. 1,66,06,083/-
Date of release of tender through e-procurement : 23.09.2019 solution
Last date/ time for receipt of tenders Through : 03.10.2019 at 4.00 PM. e-procurement solution
Further details can be seen at www.ndmc.gov.in or <https://www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
Note: To participate in e-tender in NDMC registration with NICCA is mandatory. The tender shall be received only through e-procurement procedure and conditions of e-procurement will supercede all normal conditions of the NIT of issue and receipt of tender documents.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (BM-I)



Government of Rajasthan
Directorate of Horticulture, Pant Krishi Bhawan, Jaipur

NOTICE INVITING E-BID
Bid Ref. No.: F 21 (JMD/NHM-RKVY/Protected Cultivation/2019-20/4028-4030 dated:16.09.2019
UBN: (A) HOR1920WSRC (B) HOR1920WLRC (C) HOR1920WSRC
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Rajasthan Horticulture Development Society (RHDS), Directorate of Horticulture, Jaipur on behalf of Government of Rajasthan invites Three (3) separately e-Bid proposals for rate contract of firms/ manufacturers, who meet the minimum eligibility criteria as specified in the Bid document for (A) erection/ installation of Low Tunnel, (B) Plastic Mulch and (C) Anti Bird Net under protected cultivation programme during 2019-20 on e-proc portal.

Name of the work	Rate contract of firms/ manufacturers for erection/ installation of low tunnel, Plastic Mulch and Anti Bird Net at farmers field under protected cultivation programme (Approximate cost of work for Low Tunnel, Plastic Mulch and Anti Bird Net is Rs. 432.60 Lakh, 694.14 Lakh and 10.52 Lakh, respectively).
Cost of Bid Document	Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand Only)- for each
Processing Fee (RISL)	Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) for Low Tunnel, Plastic Mulch & Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred Only) for Anti Bird Net
Bid security	A. Low Tunnel Rs. 8.65 lakh B. Plastic Mulch Rs. 13.88 Lakh C. Anti Bird Net Rs. 0.21 Lakh
Bid document download Start Date/ Time & Bid submission Start Date/ Time	19.09.2019 at 05:30 PM onwards
Bid document download end Date/ Time	21.10.2019 at 05:00 PM
Bid submission End Date/ Time	21.10.2019 at 05:30 PM
Submission date of Bid document Fee, Processing Fee, Bid security (physically)	From 19.09.2019, 5:30 PM to 21.10.2019, 5:30 PM at Room No. 361C, 11 th Floor pant Krishi Bhawan, Jaipur-302005 (Rajasthan)
Technical Bid Opening Date/ Time	22.10.2019 at 02:30 PM
Detailed bid document, Corrigendum's, Addendums etc may be seen and downloaded from Websites	http://horticulture.rajasthan.gov.in ; http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in , and http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in

Sd/-
Mission Director
Rajasthan, Jaipur

DIPRC/7783/2019



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Relationship beyond banking

Star House-1, C-5, "G" Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051.
Bank of India invites tenders from reputed Courier Agencies for Packaging and despatching of "Wall, Desk & Box Calendars - 2020". The details are available on our website www.bankofindia.co.in under link "Tender". The last date for receiving the Bids is 15.10.2019.
General Manager (Publicity & PR)



KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD
(A Government of India Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Two Bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work. Name of Work: Construction of Cafeteria, Public cum Parking Building, PWI Office, External Development and Electrical Works at Thivim Railway Station, Goa State. Tender Notice No.: KR-W-09-2019-12. Advertised Cost: Rs. 571.60 Lakhs (Excluding 12% GST). Closing Date/Time: 16.10.2019 Up to 15:00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids. Completion Period: Twelve Months excluding monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit www.ireps.gov.in website for details/ participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.



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A Govt. of India Enterprise
(Ministry of Railways)

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
GM(C), RITES Ltd. invites on behalf of the Dept. of Technical Education, Bangalore online percentage rate bids on Two Packet System for the following work:
(i) NIT No. RITES/BLR/OT/47/2019 Date 24.09.2019, Construction of Boys Hostel and Workshop for Govt Polytechnic College at Holealur in Gadag District under RIDF-23 for DTE, Est. Cost is Rs.453.68 Lakhs (Approx.), EMD Rs. 4.54 Lakhs, Period of completion 18 months, Last date and time of submission of bid 14.10.2019 upto 11.00 hrs.
(ii) NIT No. RITES/BLR/OT/48/2019 Date 24.09.2019, Construction of Boys Hostel buildings and Workshops for Government Polytechnic Colleges at various locations in Chikmagalur, Ballari, Raichur, Kalburgi and Vijayapura District in Karnataka under NABARAD RIDF-23 for DTE, Est. Cost is Rs.1772.42 Lakhs (Approx.), EMD Rs. 17.73 Lakhs, Period of completion 18 months, Last date and time of submission of bid 17.10.2019 upto 11.00 hrs.
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted online only.
Sd/- General Manager (C)
RITES Ltd.
For and on behalf of DTE, Bengaluru.



BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Chief Engineer (Kaveri)
5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, BANGALORE - 560 009.

IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(K)/ACE(K)-2/TA-10/1371/2019-20 Date : 20-09-2019

INVITATION FOR TENDER - 2ND CALL
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tender in two stage tender system from eligible tenderers for the work of "Providing and Construction of Security Compound Wall for BWSSB Fabrication Yard at Jakkasandra coming Under AEE(CH-2) Office BWSSB at Harohalli.
Amount put to tender: Rs. 1,05,75,199/- EMD : Rs. 2.00 Lakhs
The last date for uploading of completed tender document is on **22-10-2019 upto 3.00 pm**. Technical Bids will be opened on **23-10-2019 after 4.00 pm**. The details regarding participation in the e-Procurement can be obtained by logging on to : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.


Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Kaveri)



Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society
2nd Floor, Sir. C.V. Raman General Hospital, 80 feet Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038. Tel: 080-25281435/37, Fax: 080-25281430 e-Mail: pdksaps@gmail.com
No: KSAPS/BS/03/2019-20 Date: 24.09.2019

Invitation for Tenders (Two Covers) Through e-Procurement

Tenders(Two Covers) are invited for **Service Provider for Uniform exchange of excess plasma of Blood Banks in Government Hospitals through e-Procurement**. Tender format and details of Technical Specification and terms & conditions are available in e-Procurement website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from **25.09.2019**. e-Procurement help line no. 080-25501216/227. Last date for submission of tender on e-Procurement platform on or before: **24.10.2019 up to 5.00 PM**. For any clarification, Please contact numbers mentioned above during working hours.
Sd/- Additional Project Director KSAPS, Bengaluru.



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, CUTTACK
e-mail id- serw_etc@yahoo.com

No:- Tender Online RWC: 09-2019 Date: 21.09.2019

e-Procurement NOTICE
Construction of Road and Bridge works.

a) A Class & Special Class (of Odisha PWD) relevant class of other licensing authorities
b) B Class & A Class (of Odisha PWD) relevant class of other licensing authorities
Noted against the Package as per Annexure

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding	Last date & time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender
		From	To	Technical Bid
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1	2	3	4	5
Supervising Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack	Tender Online RWC 09-19	30.09.2019 at 11 A.M.	16.10.2019 up to 5.00 P.M.	15.10.2019 up to 2.00 P.M.
				17.10.2019 at 11.00 A.M.
				Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in for Non-PMGSY works and www.pmgstenders.gov.in for PMGSY works.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Cuttack

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Fax: 080-25196110 e-Mail: info@kuidfc.com Website: www.kuidfc.com
Comp No: 4073, KUIDFC/27/KIUWMIP/2018-19 Date: 21.09.2019

Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for the services of Consultants for Facility Management and Institutional Development Consultants (FMIDC) Project 2 for Mangaluru City Corporation, Udupi & Puttur City Municipal Councils and Kundapura Town Municipal Council

Karnataka Integrated Urban Water Management Investment Programme (KIUWMIP) has been initiated by Asian Development Bank (ADB) with Government of Karnataka (GOK) to invest on Urban Water Supply and Sanitation (UWSS) for selected Tranche 2 towns within the context of an integrated water resource management approach, water supply and waste water systems suffer from underinvestment throughout the state of Karnataka and the desired level of public service is extremely constrained, water supply is intermittent and available for limited period with limited capacity to meet public demand.

The investment programme will aim to achieve sustainable water security in selected river sub basins in Karnataka through improving water resource management in urban areas. Project 2 will concentrate in delivering these objectives in 4 towns (Mangaluru, Puttur, Kundapura and Udupi) in Karnataka.

The EOI is called for providing consultancy services as **Facility Management and Institutional Development Consultants (FMIDC)**. The duration of work is 51 months and is expected to commence from Fourth quarter of 2019. Consultants will be shortlisted in accordance with the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement (KTPP) and the Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued only to the shortlisted Firms/Agencies for submission of Technical & Financial proposals. The interested Consultants may submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) online through e-procurement portal: <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

For more details visit our website: www.kuidfc.com or, contact Task Manager (KIUWMIP), KUIDFC over email only. **E-mail:info@kuidfc.com**.

Note: Draft ToR for the consultants is provided on the KUIDFC website <http://www.kuidfc.com> The last date for submission of EOI online through e-portal is **09.10.2019, 17.00 hours**.

Sd/- Managing Director KUIDFC, Bengaluru

ISLAMIST EXTREMISM

Radicalisation in reverse

How Britain exports Islamist extremism to Bangladesh

SINCE THE FIRST wave of Bangladeshi migrants arrived in Britain in the 1970s, foreign-born preachers have held sway in the community. For a while the most visible consequence to outsiders was when Bangladeshi restaurants stopped selling alcohol, after conservative clerics such as Delwar Hossain Sayeedi came to preach temperance to the diaspora in the 1990s (some curry houses found a theological loophole in the form of “bring your own booze”). Recent years have seen more serious worries about the influence of foreign extremists. In February Shamima Begum, an east-London schoolgirl, was stripped of her British citizenship after running away to join Islamic State (IS) in Syria.

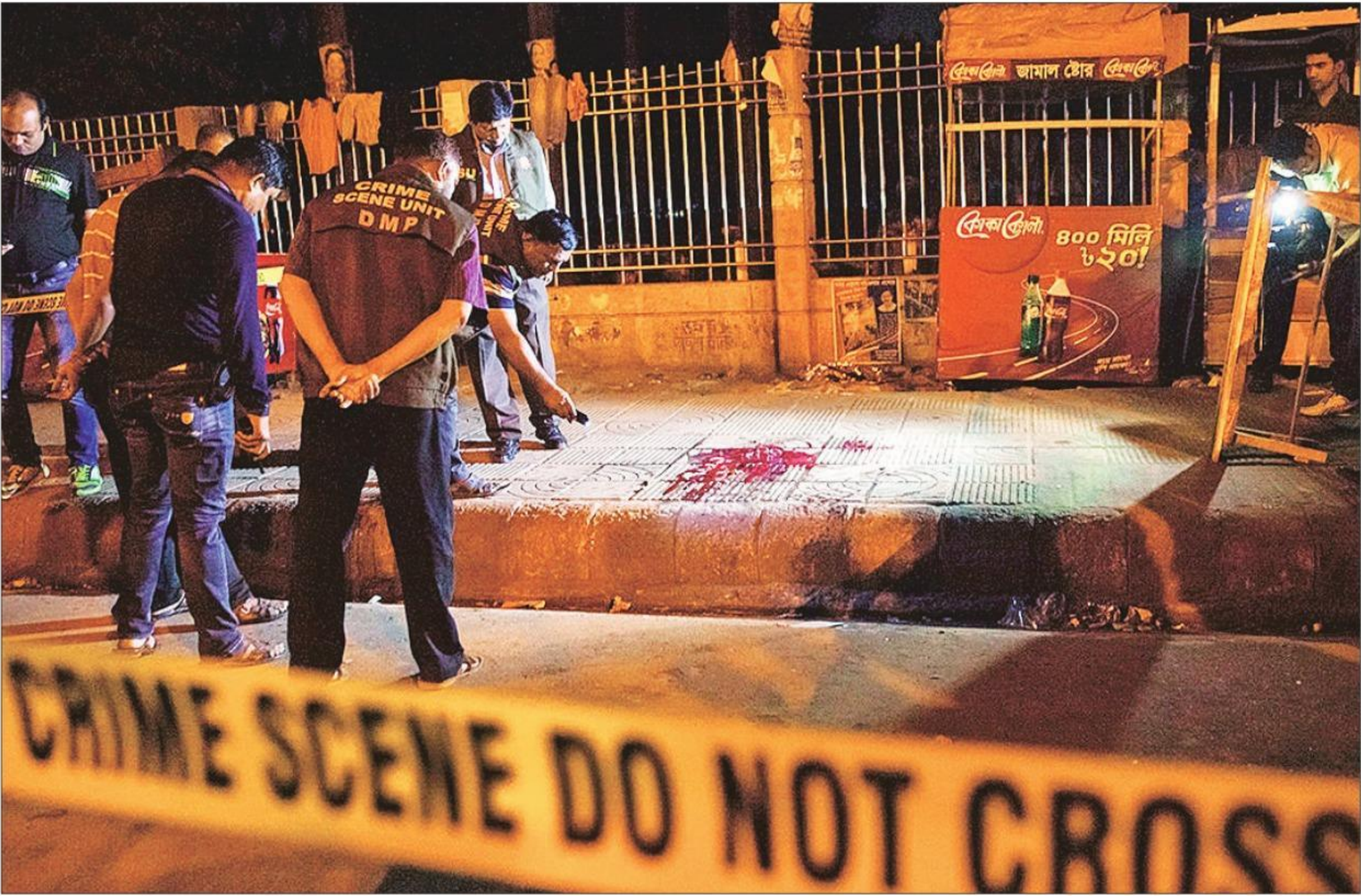
Yet in Dhaka, amid a rising tempo of terrorist attacks, officials are asking who is radicalising whom. Bangladesh’s government often blames outsiders for its problem with radical Islam. But here it has a point. British citizens have been implicated in the planning, funding and promotion of terrorism in Bangladesh, to the alarm of the country’s security services. “We do not know what is driving radicalisation in Britain,” says a senior officer in Bangladesh’s Counter-Terrorism Intelligence Bureau, “but it is contaminating our society.”

Britain’s exporting of radical Islam goes back a long way. Syed Golam Maula, the founder of the Bangladeshi chapter of Hizb-ut-Tahrir, an Islamist movement that is banned in Bangladesh but not in Britain, was introduced to the organisation while studying in London in the early 1990s. In 2015 Sheikh Hasina Wajed, the prime minister, complained to her opposite number, David Cameron, that British citizens were promoting radicalism in her country. Her comments came after religious extremists targeted gay activists, atheist bloggers and religious minorities. Touhidur Rahman, a Briton of Bangladeshi origin, was accused of (but never charged with) planning the murder of two secular bloggers.

Earlier this year Bangladeshi police arrested Rizwan Haroon, who had previously lived in Britain, on suspicion of using a school in Dhaka to recruit youngsters to IS. He is awaiting trial. According to America’s FBI, Siful Haque Sujon, a Bangladeshi-born British citizen believed to have been killed in Syria in 2015, was a leading figure in IS who used eBay to send money to operatives in Britain and America. An American military report found that he had set up shell companies in Bangladesh, Britain and Spain to move funds and drones on behalf of the terrorist organisation.

Britons are by no means the only difficult part of the Bangladeshi diaspora. One of the perpetrators of a deadly attack in 2016 on the Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka was Canadian. But intelligence agencies are particularly interested in Britain, whose 600,000 people of Bangladeshi origin make up the largest Western chunk of the diaspora. Some half a billion dollars in remittances are sent to Bangladesh from Britain each year, according to the World Bank, more than from any other Western country (though much less than from the Gulf states, where many Bangladeshis toil).

Cash from Green Crescent, a now-defunct British charity, was connected by Bangladeshi security services to the Holey



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Bakery attack. In 2009 Bangladeshi forces raided a madrassa funded by Green Crescent and found weapons and extremist literature. They claim the charity’s British founder, Faisal Mostafa, has links to Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen, a terrorist outfit, which he denies. He has twice been acquitted of terrorism offences in Britain. “Green Crescent is likely just the tip of the iceberg,” says Rakib Ehsan of the Henry Jackson Society, a think-tank. “We have no way of tracing even a fraction of the charitable funds that go from the UK to Bangladesh.”

The home and away communities are “surprisingly linked...much more so than other diaspora communities,” says Kamaldeep Bhui, an extremism expert at Queen Mary University of London. Most British-Bangladeshis come from a single region, Sylhet, and 70% live in London, so ties

are strong. This has fostered the continuity of cultural norms and for a long time “shielded” Bangladeshis from extremist ideas, argues Tahir Abbas of Leiden University. “British Bangladeshis weren’t so much on the map in terms of these issues — until Islamic State,” he says. Perhaps 100 of the 800 or so Britons who have joined IS are of Bangladeshi origin. Bangladeshis are disproportionately represented on Britain’s ter-

rorist watch-list, according to officials in both countries. Last year one, Naa’imur Rahman, was convicted of plotting to kill the then prime minister, Theresa May.

Terror without borders

Ali Riaz of Illinois State University argues that the government’s response to 9/11 lumped together all Muslims, making many identify more with their religion than their

nationality or ethnic origin. This has made them vulnerable to the universalist messages of groups like IS. Disillusioned youngsters “try to reclaim elements of their past, of their country of origin — religion can be the easiest thing to grab hold of,” says Mr Bhui. Some become more orthodox than their parents. Orthodoxy is not the same as extremism, he notes, “but extremist groups can hide easily in orthodoxy.” It does not help that Bangladeshis are the poorest ethnic group in Britain.

In Dhaka, keeping tabs on happenings in Tower Hamlets is hard. Some suspects are wanted in Bangladesh but operate freely in Britain, a source of frustration for Bangladeshi intelligence services. Despite what counter-terrorism chiefs describe as a high level of co-operation, the flow of information is hindered by the two intelligence services’ very different cultures, Bangladeshi spooks freely haul peo-

ple in for questioning, tap phones and tail suspicious folk (including Economist correspondents). Torture is common; extra-judicial killing is neither unusual nor even much covered up. This reduces Britain’s willingness to share information. “We respect the cultures of the countries we work with and we limit our expectations,” says the Bangladeshi counter-terrorism officer.

The ideas, money and recruitment essential to extremism no longer move neatly from one country another, notes Mr Riaz, but in a “confusing whirlwind”. The challenge facing British and Bangladeshi intelligence is far more complex than when preachers such as Mr Sayeedi, who is now behind bars in Bangladesh, were banishing booze from east London’s curry houses.

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BOLIVIA

High and mighty

El Alto shares Evo Morales’s indigenous identity, not his socialism

EL ALTO hovers over La Paz, Bolivia’s administrative capital, like the blade of a guillotine. In 1781 Tupac Katari, an indigenous leader, laid siege to Spanish La Paz 500 metres (1,600 feet) below. In the early 2000s protests by *alteños* forced out of office two Bolivian presidents: Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada, who sought to export Bolivia’s gas through Chile, a rival, and Carlos Mesa, his successor, who resisted their demands to nationalise gas reserves. That paved the way for the election in 2005 of Evo Morales, Bolivia’s first indigenous president, and a member of the Aymara people, who regard El Alto as their capital.

Mr Morales is counting on its support as he tries to persuade Bolivians to extend his 13 years in office in an election due in October. But *alteños* are independent-minded. Some resent his decision to run in defiance of a referendum vote in 2016. But their reservations run deeper. Mr Morales is a leftist, and El Alto is an entrepreneurial place that likes low taxes and lax regulation. Its support of his socialism is selective. Bolivia’s most revolutionary city is in some ways its most liberal.

El Alto, at 4,150 metres the world’s highest city, has thrived during Mr Morales’s presidency. With a population of 900,000 it is Bolivia’s second-largest, after low-lying Santa Cruz, and its fastest-growing. The city got its start in the early 20th century when

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migrants began arriving from the *altiplano*, the Andean highlands of western Bolivia. They established neighbourhoods governed by practices brought from their villages, such as rotating leadership. In 1957 these joined to form the neighbourhood council, which took on the role of the state. Alongside workers’ organisations, it dug the first wells and built roads. It also provided law and order, which has sometimes meant executing suspected criminals. The council, now called Fejuve, still helps with the provision of infrastructure on the city’s growing fringes. El Alto was incorporated as a city separate from La Paz in 1985.

In the “gas war” of 2003 rebels on the cliff-top blocked roads that connect La Paz to much of the rest of Bolivia. Mr Sánchez de Lozada sent in the army. After nearly 60 people were killed, he fled the country. The



A graffiti of Evo Morales, Bolivia’s first indigenous president, and a member of the Aymara people, who consider El Alto as their capital. Reuters

insurrection helps define the city today. Roger Chambi, an Aymara activist, points out to a visitor the building housing Radio San Gabriel, where insurgent leaders held a hunger strike. El Alto’s defiant slogan — “On its feet, never its knees” — appears everywhere.

Politics now seems less urgent. “Right now, it’s all about the economy,” says Mr Chambi. El Alto is the hub of an international network that trades in goods of all kinds, many of them smuggled. These link the city’s rich merchants, called *qamiris*, to manufacturers in China. They often extend

to other Bolivian cities and into Brazil and Argentina. Perhaps four-fifths of *alteños* work in the informal economy. Bolivia’s “shadow economy” is the world’s largest as a share of GDP, according to the IMF.

El Alto’s commercial heart is the vast, open-air 16 de Julio market, open on Thursdays and Sundays. Nearly untaxed and unregulated, traders pay their union for permits to open stalls selling everything from herbal cures to car parts. Aymara women guard the wares, bowler hats tipped forwards. Many *qamiris* own market stalls. Beyond the market, small

businesses spill onto the streets. Multi-storey dwellings are springing up. Owners leave the brick exposed in the (mistaken) belief that this exempts them from tax. Plots of land appear in city records as empty, another ruse to avoid tax. Artful dodging earns respect. When he worked briefly as a bartender, “I did everything I could not to sell beer with receipts,” says Mr Chambi.

The garish façades of “chalets” relieve the brick-brown streetscape. The *qamiris* who own them may not pay taxes, but unlike Bolivia’s longer-established elite they

don’t buy property in Miami, says Mr Chambi. They bankroll fiestas that take place every weekend. Once a year one *qamiri* gets the expensive honour of paying more than anyone else for Gran Poder, a carnival in La Paz.

Outsiders often see El Alto as a reflection of their biases. Leftists celebrate the communal features of its economy. They include *aini*: help from neighbours for building or business, which the beneficiary is expected to reciprocate. The fiestas are a way of giving food and drink to the poor. Anarchists admire El Alto’s self-regulation, liberals its vigorous capitalism. The city seems to combine all these. Pablo Mamani, a sociologist, describes El Alto as a city “with broad solidarity”, but “absolutely liberal” in economic matters.

El Alto tends to vote for Mr Morales and cheered his nationalisation of gas reserves in 2006. It likes subsidies and public works, but demands that the state keep its distance. “El Alto expects a lot from the state,” says Mr Mamani. That goes along with an ethic of self-reliance. In Aymara culture, “one has to work for oneself.”

Alteños give Mr Morales little credit for their prosperity. Many are sceptical about his run for re-election (in which Mr Mesa will be his main opponent). They remember the Aymara practice of rotating leadership, even if they do not always practise it. “People view [Mr Morales’s campaign] suspiciously,” says Mr Chambi.

El Alto has nonetheless supported him, except on two occasions. In 2010, when he tried to cut subsidies for petrol, *alteños* blocked roads again. He backed down. Five years later they rejected his party’s mayoral candidate in favour of Soledad Chapetón, an Aymara woman of the centre-left. Those are sharp reminders to Mr Morales: don’t take El Alto for granted.

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(Power Wing)

Corrigendum No.-2 Notice Inviting E-Tender Dated 20.09.2019
N.I.T. No: 461/PHD/Bhakra-II/460-B Dated 18.07.2019

Name of Office : Chief Engineer / System Operation, Planning & Design (Power Plants)
Dte. BBMB (PW), Flat No. 69, SLDC Residential Complex, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh - 160002, Tel. Fax: 0172-2637035

Name of Work: Online Tender for Supply of Hardware fittings of various sizes for different types of Water Supply Systems for Bhakra Left Bank Hydro Power House.

Document download Start Date & Time online	23.07.2019 from 0900 Hrs
Last date & time for online uploading of complete Pre-qualifying documents	01.10.2019 upto 1700 Hrs
Document download End Date & Time online	09.10.2019 upto 1200 Hrs
Last Date & Time of Online Bid Submission at	09.10.2019 upto 1400 Hrs
Due Date & Time of Online Bid Opening at	09.10.2019 from 1500 Hrs onwards

The Bids are to be submitted online. For cost of tender document, earnest money deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website <https://bbmbeproc.abcpocure.com>, www.bbmb.gov.in

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DELHI URBAN SHELTER IMPROVEMENT BOARD
Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C-6)
1, Kilokri, Ring Road, New Delhi-110014

PRESS NOTICE
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer C-06, invites on behalf of DUSIB percentage rate e-tender in Two envelopes/two bid system for the following work.

NIT No. 73/EEC6/DUSIB/2018-19
E-tender No. 2019_DUSIB_180356_1

NOW:- EIUS (B/F and Drains), **SH :** Providing and laying cement concrete pavement in the approached road of JJ Basti Northern Camp, S.P. Crusher, M.B. Road, Lal Kuan.

Estimated cost: Rs. 44,81,196.00 **Earnest Money:** Rs 89,630.00
Tender Cost: Rs. 500.00 **Date of Closing of Bid:** 08.10.2019 at 05.00 PM

NIT No. 03/EEC6/DUSIB/2019-20
E-tender No. 2019_DUSIB_180318_1

NOW:- EIUS, **SH :** Providing and laying cement concrete pavement in deteriorated lanes and construction of storm water drains in JJ Basti Janta Jeevan Camp, Tigr, Part-II.

Estimated cost: Rs. 84,04,213.00 **Earnest Money:** Rs 1,68,100.00
Tender Cost: Rs. 1,000.00 **Date of Closing of Bid:** 08.10.2019 at 05.00 PM

The bid Form and other details can be obtained from the website (<http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)

Note : Any amendment/change/clarification (if any) will be uploaded only on <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>, therefore intending tenderer may inspect the website regularly.

Sd/-
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER/
C-6 DUSIB**

DIP/Shabdarth/0722/19-20

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Head Office: 2, Netaji Subhash Road, Kolkata-700001

POSSESSION NOTICE
(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Allahabad Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement (Security) Interest Act, 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice u/s 13(2) on the dates noted against the Account as mentioned hereinafter, calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sec 13(4) of the said Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against the Account. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Allahabad Bank for the amounts and interest thereon mentioned against the account herein below. Attention is also drawn regarding 13(8) of the said Act to redeem the secured asset in respect of time available to them.

Sr.	Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor (owner of the property)	Description of the charged/ mortgaged property (all the part & parcel of the property consisting of)	Date of Demand Notice	Amount outstanding as on the date of demand Notice (amt in Rs.)	Date of possession notice
1.	Patna Main Branch	Sri Surendra Prasad S/o Late Bindeshwari Sah & Smt. Sarinda Gupta W/o Sri Surendra Prasad, Makhania Kuan, Ashok Raj Path, Pirbohar Patna, P.O-Bankipore, Patna-800004	Mortgagor:- Sri Surendra Prasad S/o Late Bindeshwari Sah & Smt. Sarinda Gupta W/o Sri Surendra Prasad	All that part & parcel of property situated at Thana No.-137, Ward No.-9/30 and present-41, Sheet No.-82, M.S Plot No.-1162, Circle No.-25, S. Holding No.-6/9/8 and present 9A/8, Area-1.4@620 Sq.ft at Makhania Kuan, P.S-Pirbohar, Distt.-Patna in the name of Sri Surendra Prasad Prasad & Smt. Sarinda Gupta. Bounded as follows:-North-M.S Plot No.-1162 P. South-Branch Road, East-Satyajeet Kumar @ Dipu, West-Branch Road.	06.07.2019	₹63,92,869/-	19.09.2019

Date : 19.09.2019
Place : Patna

Authorized Officer
Allahabad Bank

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Sealed Tenders are invited from the eligible tenderers for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

Sl.No	Details of the Tender
1.	Package-IV Laying of Interceptors and diversion of sewage (SWR 10) at Metha Nagar from Chainage 9950-10410m, Right bank and allied works in Chennai city. Tender No. CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/ADYAR/035A/2019-20. Bid security Rs.6.32 lakhs. Qualification criteria as stipulated in the Bid document. Consortium bids are acceptable
2.	Availability and Cost of Bid document in the form of CD (in person) : 26.09.2019 to 21.10.2019, Grievances Redressal & Facilitation Officer, CMWSS Board, (Telephone: 044-28451300, Extn. 217) for Rs.5,250/- Through Website: www.chennaietwater.tn.nic.in & www.tenders.tn.gov.in
3.	Date of Pre-Bid meeting : 04.10.2019 at 11.30 A.M.
4.	Tenders will be received upto 03.00 PM and opened after 3.30 P.M on 22.10.2019
5.	For all other details refer bid document in the website: from 26.09.2019

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
(CONTRACTS & MONITORING)

DIPR/ 3329 /Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING,
JAWAHAR BHAWAN, 6th FLOOR,
ASHOK MARG, LUCKNOW

NIT No: ME-1/2019/2877 **Dated: 19 September 2019**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-Procurement TENDER NOTICE for selection of service provider for appointment of class IVth Posts through outsourcing in Government Medical College, Meerut and Autonomous State Medical College, Basti in two bid system i.e. Technical bid and Financial bid from the qualified firms/companies as per the below mentioned schedule :-

SCHEDULE TO TENDER

S.No.	Activity Description	Schedule
1.	Tender No. M.E-1/2019/2872	Dated 19 September 2019
2.	Start date of submission of Bid online	11.00 Hrs. of 27.09.2019. The tender document is available only in the E Procurement portal http://etender.up.nic.in which may be downloaded by using bidder login credentials.
3.	Time and last date of online bid submission	18.10.2019- 11.00 A.M.
4.	Submission of tender form hard copy date & place	18.10.2019-11.00 A.M. at DGME office 6th floor Jawahar Bhawan, Lko.
5.	Time and date for opening of E tender	18.10.2019 - 15.00 hrs.

Interested bidders may submit their bid online on <http://etender.up.nic.in> as per the tender document in the websites <http://etender.up.nic.in> Bidders are requested to follow the instructions carefully as per the tender document and the instructions given in the above said website. Any corrigendum/addendum regarding this tender will be available on the above said website as well as on office website www.updgme.in

Original technical bid with all relevant papers will have to be submitted on time at the office of DGME&T U.P. 6th floor, Jawahar Bhawan, Lko in time either personally or through registered post. The bids received late will not be considered. The department will not be responsible for any postal delay.

Tender part-2 (Price bid). The date of opening of price bid will be informed on the website etenders.nic.in as well as official site www.updgme.in. The DGME&T, U.P. Lko reserve all the right to reject the bid wholly or partially without assigning any reason. In case of dispute the legal jurisdiction will lie in court of law at Lucknow.

Sd/-
(Dr. K.K. Gupta)
Director General

UPID-144050 dt. 23.09.2019
www.up.gov.nic.in

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI

PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI - 110001

Notice under Section 19 of the Debts Recovery Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993). In the Matter of **O.A.No. 427/2018/DRT-III**

CORPORATION BANK Versus **MRS. ALKA MALHOTRA**
Applicant Defendants

To, D-1 Mrs. Alka Malhotra (Proprietor of M/s Jayem Traders) W/o Shri Anil Malhotra, Shop No: 32-33/8, Kucha Choudhary, Chandni Chowk, Delhi-110006 **Also At:** Flat no. 301, Tower No. 16, Ansal Sunshine Country, Kundli, Sonapat, Haryana-131028

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal **05.10.2019 At 10.30 A.M.**

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal in this the **06th day of sept. 2019**

By Order of the Tribunal
Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. ई-निविदा सूचना सं.- 25/वि.जा.पा.मं./ आगरा/2018-19 के निविदा निरस्त करने के सम्बन्ध में।

E-Tender Notice No. 25/ECTC/A/2018-19 पर अंकित ई-निविदा जिसको निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्या-106/ECTC/A/2018-19, Renovation work of control room building at 132 KV Sub-station, Khair, Aligarh है। अपरिहार्य कारणों से उक्त निविदा को निरस्त किया जाता है। "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाएँ" हस्ता./- अधीक्षक अभियन्ता विद्युत जानपद पार्षण मण्डल-आगरा उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. निकट अमर उजाला प्रेस, पार्षण भवन ककरेटा रोड, 22 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र सिकन्दर, आगरा पत्रांक: 799/वि.जा.पा.मं./2018-2019 दिनांक: 24/09/2019

Deini transport infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.
An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi,
ISBT Anand Vihar Delhi-110082

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd. for the following works through e procurement solution only.

1. NIT No. : 37/2019-20
Tender ID No. : 2019_DTIDC_180545_1
Name of work : M/o ISBT Anand Vihar
SH : Repair to Pot Holes and Improvement to Drainage of Rain Water at Outgate at ISBT Anand Vihar.

Estimated Cost : Rs. 13.52.434/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 27,100/-
Time Allowed : 45 Days
Last date of receipt of Tenders : 05.10.2019

2. NIT No. : 38/2019-20
Tender ID No. : 2019_DTIDC_180551_1
Name of work : M/o ISBT Anand Vihar
SH : Strengthening of Boundary wall by Providing Fencing at ISBT Anand Vihar.

Estimated Cost : Rs. 14.95,278/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 30,000/-
Time Allowed : 60 Days
Last date of receipt of Tenders : 07.10.2019

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DTIDC Ltd., ISBT Anand Vihar, Delhi

DIP/Shabdarth/0721/19-20

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Namely : Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age : about 60 years, Height : about 5'6", Complexion : Shallow, Face: Long, Built : Thin, Wearing : White colour baniyan and white colour underwear** has been admitted at DDU Hospital and doctors declared him dead on 10.09.2019. In this regard a case vide DD No : 74 A dated 10.09.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in DDU Hospital Mortuary for 72 hours.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead person may kindly inform to the following:- **SHO : P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi West Distt., Delhi Tel. No. 011-28525719, Mob: 08750871128, 8368215758**

DP/8429/WD/19

TAMIL NADU LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
4th Floor, Integrated Office Complex for Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department, 571, Anna Salai, Saidapet Veterinary Polyclinic Campus, Nandanam P.O., Chennai-35
Tel. No. 044-24345362, Fax No. 044 - 24345361 e-mail: tnlida@tn.nic.in; tnlida2016@gmail.com

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited under **"Two Cover"** System for insuring 2,50,000 cattle units (National Livestock Mission -Livestock Insurance Scheme)

Pre-bid meeting on 04.10.2019 – 11.00 A.M.

Individual tender documents with full details can be downloaded free of cost from www.tenders.tn.gov.in up to **24.10.2019, 5.00 P.M.**

Last date for submission of tenders: **25.10.2019, 11.00 A.M.**

Corrigendum/Addendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on the above website.

Chief Executive Officer

DIPR/3334/TENDER/2019

ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामोकाठामा)
मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, रांची

शुद्धि पत्र

एदत् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्रामोकाठामा), कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह के निविदा आमंत्रण संख्या 121/2019-20/RDD (RWA)/GIRIDIH दिनांक 05.09.2019 PR NO.-216266 के द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा के तिथि में अपरिहार्य कारणवश निम्नरूपेण परिवर्तन किया जा रहा है।

1. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि : 27.09.2019
2. ई-निविदा प्राप्त की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : 09.10.2019 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे
3. जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, रांची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि 10.10.2019 एवं समय अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 11.10.2019 पूर्वान्हन 11.30 बजे।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है। अन्य शर्तें यथावत रहेंगे।

नोडल पदाधिकारी
ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल

P.R.217881 Rural Work Department(19-20):D
निम्ने अवकाश ना समझे, जो कहानी है मैं, मुझे बचाव माय करो पानी है मैं।

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT
ANDHRA PRADESH DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT
WORLD BANK FUNDED PROJECT - CREDIT NO: 5694-IN
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

IFB NOS : 201 to 203 / AP/PR/APDRP/RRCS/PRED/2019-20 Dt: 19-09-2019

Government of India have received a credit from the international Development Association towards the cost of Andhra Pradesh Disaster Recovery Project and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works. The Project Manager, Panchayat Raj, PIU, APDRP invites **2nd call (Roads)** through online item rate e-bids from the registered bidders of Government of Andhra Pradesh or other State Governments / Government of India, or State / Central Government undertakings **for the construction of 3 Road packages in Visakhapatnam, East Godavari and Srikakulam Districts** through website of Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in> from **28.09.2019 onwards**.

Sd/-
Project Manager,
PIU (PR), APDRP, Visakhapatnam.

Ro no. 151PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2019-20

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
C.D.02, P.W.D., AGRA
Short Term E Procurement Tender Notice

Letter No. 1627/10A/2019 **Dated. 19.9.19**

1. The Executive Engineer, C.D.-2, P.W.D., Agra on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the Percentage rate bids from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP, PWD, Road work. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

Sr.	District	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in lac)	Bid Security (Rs. in lac)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Times at Completion	Address of Executive Engineer Executing the work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Category of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Agra	Repairing of Partion Bridge and Erection of Samoghar Ghat Ferry on Yamuna River in Distt. Agra	12.00	1.20	Tender Cost + GST + Stationary Charges = Rs. 788.00	15 Days	Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra	Superintending Engineer, Circle, P.W.D., Agra	Chief Engineer, Agra Zone, P.W.D., Agra	Class A,B,C,D

2. Time allowed for completion is including Rainy Season.
3. Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> from **28-09-2019 to 03-10-2019 upto 12:30 Hours**. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of <http://etender.up.nic.in> on or before **12:30 Hours on 03-10-2019**. Technical Bid received online will be opened on **04-10-2019 at 12:30 Hours**.
4. The prospective bidders who do not possess Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.
5. Contractor should Quote their rates without G.S.T. which shall be paid extra as per applicable at the time of payment.
6. According to the Dharohar Dhanrasi Column No. 5 and the tender fee will be made by online payment (e-banking) as per column no. 6, according to the rule No. 317 / 23-7-2018-176 Sa/2006 TC-1 dated 10.04.2019.
7. Original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B(ii) of ITB with address of column 8.
8. Contractor will submit the experience certificate of the erection of lorry.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
C.D.-2, P.W.D., Agra

UPID-144090 dt. 23.09.2019
www.up.gov.nic.in

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Sealed bids are invited from the eligible bidders for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

S. No.	Details of the Tender
1	Balance works under the work of providing underground sewerage scheme to Ramapuram- CNT/SEW/NCB/CMCDM/3087A/2019-20 – Bid Security - Rs.8.27 Lakhs.
2	Plugging of outfalls in Chennai City Waterways - Phase I - Enlargement of sewage pumping main, enlargement of sewers and installation of pumping machineries and its allied electrical works at various locations- Balance works.
a.	Package I Areas IV, VI, VIII & XIII - CNT/SEW/NCB/GOTN/I&A/3192/2019-20 – Bid Security Rs.4.40 Lakhs.
b.	Package II- Areas IX & X - CNT/SEW/NCB/GOTN/I&A/3193/2019-20 - Bid Security Rs.5.67 Lakhs.
3	Availability and Cost of Bid document in the form of CD (in person): 26.09.2019 to 28.10.2019 Grievances Redressal & Facilitation Officer, CMWSS Board, (Telephone: 044-28451300 Extn. 217) for Rs.5,250/- (including GST) Through Website: www.tenders.tn.gov.in
4	Date of Pre-Bid meeting : S.No. (1) 14.10.2019 at 11.30 A.M, S.No. (2) 09.10.2019 at 11.30 A.M.
5	Bids will be received upto 03.00 PM and opened after 3.30 P.M on 29.10.2019
6	For all other details refer bid document in the website: from 26.09.2019

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CONTRACTS & MONITORING)

DIPR/3331/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
TIRUPPUR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
MUNICIPAL OFFICE ROAD, TIRUPPUR - 641 604.
INVITATION FOR BIDS
(2nd CALL)

Date	23-09-2019
Loan No. and Title	Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program (TNUFIP), Tranche 2. Project Number 49107-005
Contract No. and Title	Tender Notice No. E1/4813/2018- 1 Providing Sewerage Collection System, Construction of Sub-Pumping Stations, Master Pumping Stations, Supply, laying and jointing Pumping Mains in sewer Zones 5, 6 and 7.
Deadline for submission of Bids	08-11-2019 at 15.00 Hours (IST)

1. India has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program (TNUFIP), Tranche 2. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contracts named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.

2. The Commissioner, Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation, Tiruppur ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the construction and completion of the work:
Providing Sewerage Collection System, Construction of Sub-Pumping Stations, Master Pumping Stations, Supply, laying and jointing Pumping Mains in sewer Zones 5, 6 and 7, ("the Work").

3. **National Competitive Bidding** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage, Two-Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Documents.

4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:

Criteria	Value
Minimum average annual construction turnover calculated as total certified received payments for contracts in processor completed, within the last three (3) years.	INR 1,28,00,00,000
Has Financial resources, less its financial obligations for its current contract commitments defined, meet or exceed the total requirement for the Subject Contract of	INR 21,33,00,000
Participation in at least one contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last five years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds. The similarity of the Bidder's participation shall be based on the physical size, nature of works, complexity, methods, technology, or other characteristics as described in Section 6 (Employer's Requirements).	INR 1,28,00,00,000

• Meets other Personnel and Equipment requirements as stipulated in the Bidding Documents.
• However, for complete eligibility and qualification requirements, bid documents should be referred.
5. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, Bidders should contact:

THE COMMISSIONER,
Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation,
Municipal Office Road, Tiruppur – 641 604.
E-mail: commr.tiruppur@tn.gov.in Phone: 0421 – 2240852, FAX: 0421 – 2237851

6. **A pre-bid meeting** shall take place on **10.10.2019 at 11.00 Hours (IST)** at the address stated above.

7. To purchase the bidding documents in English language, eligible Bidders should:

- Visit the Office of the City Engineer, Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation, Municipal Office Road, Tiruppur 641 604 and pay a non-refundable fee of INR 1000 + GST towards the cost of bidding document in the form of Bank Demand Draft in favor of the Commissioner, Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation, Tiruppur.
- In case of written request, the document will be sent by post/courier. The bidder who wish to receive the bidding document by post/courier shall have to pay an additional amount of INR 4000 for delivery within India or US\$ 100 for delivery outside India. The method of payment will be through Bank Demand Draft in favor of the **Commissioner, Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation, Tiruppur**. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.
- Eligible bidders may download the bidding document in English language in the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in up to **14.00 Hours on 07.11.2019**

8. Bids should be submitted:

- To the address above
- On or before the deadline: **08.11.2019 at 15.00 Hours (IST)**
- Together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.
- Electronic submission is not allowed.

9. Bid will be opened on **08.11.2019 at 15.30 Hours (IST)** in the presence of Bidder's representatives who choose to attend

Commissioner,
Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation

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(From left) Anant Goenka, Executive Director, Indian Express Group, with Nick Clegg, former UK Deputy Prime Minister and Facebook Vice-President of Global Affairs and Communications, and Shubhajit Roy, Associate Editor, *The Indian Express*, at the Express Adda held in Delhi recently

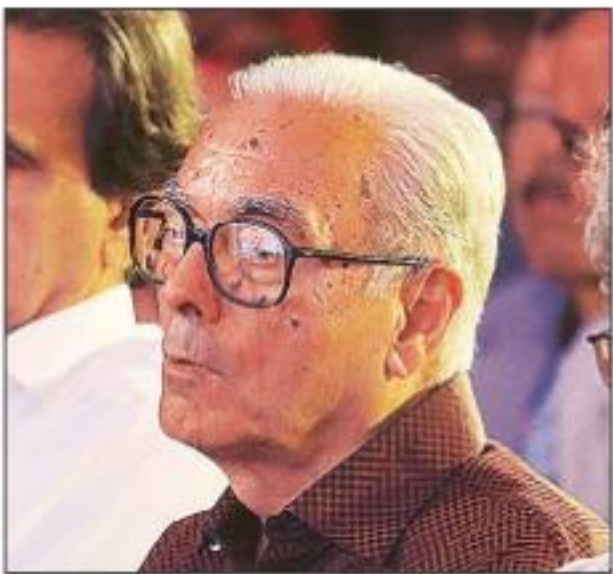
‘Nostalgia is not a great guide for the future’



Dionyssios Kyvetos, Ambassador of Greece (left), and Hans Christian Winkler, Spokesperson and Head of Public Diplomacy, German Embassy



Ajit Mohan, Vice President and Managing Director, Facebook India



Arun Kumar Mago, former Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra

At the Express Adda held in Delhi, Nick Clegg, former UK Deputy Prime Minister and Vice-President of Global Affairs and Communications at Facebook, spoke to Indian Express Group Executive Director Anant Goenka, and Associate Editor, *The Indian Express*, Shubhajit Roy on Brexit, data nationalism and challenging the analogy about data being the new oil

On the more powerful position: govt or corporate

I often hear this analogy that big global companies, in this case Facebook, have more power over people's lives than governments do. I think that's nonsense. If I think about decisions, often agonising decisions with lives involved within half-a-decade that David Cameron and I ran that government together — whether you go to war or not, whether you provide more money or not to hospitals or schools — these are things that touch people and their everyday lives in a much more material way than whether they use WhatsApp, Instagram or watch YouTube. I don't want to belittle and certainly it is difficult to belittle the sheer scale of a company like Facebook, which has users across the globe, but they are using them according to their choice. None of that is as granular as the way in which governments really affect the everyday circumstances of people's lives.

On social media's influence on elections and Brexit

I have seen it asserted, I don't know how many times that Brexit was influenced by the Russians or Facebook or by Cambridge Analytica for instance. All of these assertions are made completely blissfully ignorant of the facts. The first fact is that we know from the British regulator, the information commissioner's office has the data from Cambridge, we don't have it. You keep asking us to analyse it, we can't analyse it because the watchdog has the data, we don't. They have said publicly that there was no data from the British voters involved.

On Facebook being in a controversial place

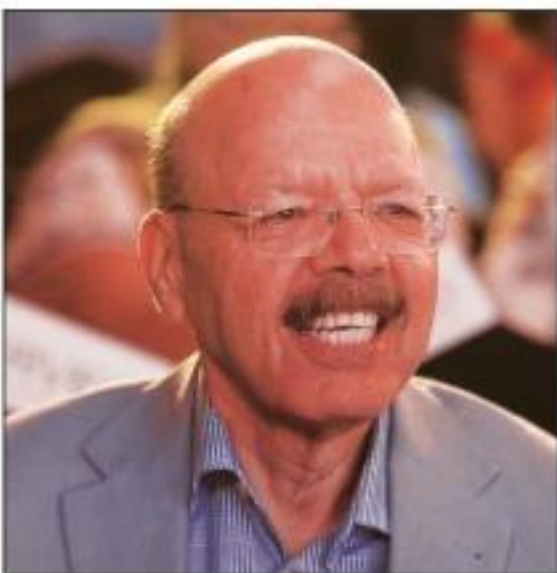
Of course, it's controversial and it's controversial for good reason and Facebook has had to learn from its mistakes. Generally, there is a great deal of antipathy and suspicion about big corporate companies... There are, quite understandably, great concerns about privacy. And we are going through a tech clash. The pendulum is swinging, as it often does when you disrupt technologies. At the beginning, people think that the new technology — in our case, the social media — is going to be a solution to all problems. People like Mark Zuckerberg walk on water and can do no ill... Now all our problems, apparently, are the fault of social media... It is naive to over-praise technology but it is also foolish to be over-cynical about technology.

On WhatsApp and elections in India

India is by a long way the world's largest WhatsApp nation. WhatsApp, like lots of messaging services, is an end-to-end encrypted service so we don't have access, so we cannot share with law enforcement authorities the content of messages, unless the user sends them to us. That presents new challenges. How do we cooperate in a responsible and mature fashion under the law in response to legally sound requests for cooperation from law enforcement agencies... That was the subject of a lot of discussions (with the government). And I found it incredibly productive because I spent five years in Britain working with intelligent services, both in Britain and elsewhere, on common terrorist threats,



MH Dalmia, President, OCL India Limited



Nasim Zaidi, former Chief Election Commissioner of India



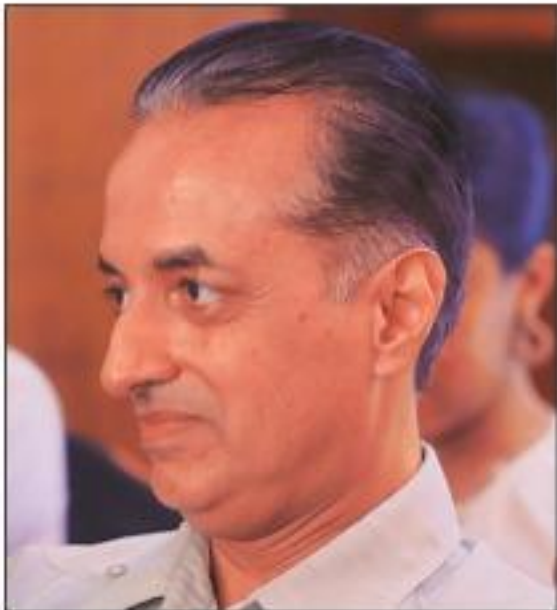
Dushyant Dave, Senior Advocate and former President of the Supreme Court Bar Association



Rod Hilton, Australia's Deputy High Commissioner to India



Aruna Sundararajan, former Telecom Secretary



Bharat Reddy, Chief Representative, JP Morgan



Friederike Tschampa, Head of Political Affairs, EU Delegation to India and Bhutan (left), with Brendan Ward, Ambassador of Ireland



Nick Clegg with a portrait by Suvajit Dey, illustrator, *The Indian Express*

and data is a really powerful weapon to defeat terrorism.

On the challenges facing global economy

Brexit is another form of erecting barriers to trade which previously didn't exist. My personal view is that the laws of economics have not changed. In the end, if you make it harder for people to exchange goods and services with each other, it leaves everybody worse off... This is one of the greatest dilemmas in modern politics, which is that good politics and good economics are increasingly pulling apart. I come from a generation of politicians where we assumed that if we do good economics, the politics will flow. And one of the big changes you can see in Britain now is that there is a whole class of politicians who are absolutely adamant that Britain should do something, which every single economist will tell you is going to make people worse off, and they believe it is a patriotic act. So doing something which is economically self-harming is now considered to be the acid test of patriotism. That is very new.

On the rise of autocratic leaders, economic insecurity and Brexit

A desire for control is very strong at the moment for a whole bunch of complex reasons. Maybe technology has played a role in this. I think insecurity in the labour market, just the sheer pace of change... demographics, mass migration, all of these things have fostered quite an acute sense of insecurity amongst many people around the world. Where I come from, Europe and the UK, it is impossible to exaggerate the significance of the 2008 financial crisis. Because what happened in the UK after the 2008 crisis was that the link between how hard you worked and how your pay increased just collapsed... And that means the central promise of capitalism collapses. So if you ask me what is the single biggest reason why Britain voted for Brexit amongst all the other ones, it's 2008. If the 2008 banking crisis had not happened, I am pretty confident that Britain would not have voted for Brexit.

On whether data is the new oil

This very used, or perhaps very over-used analogy about data being oil justifies an approach to segmenting, fragmenting and hoarding data in different jurisdictions, which doesn't make sense for India, for the openness and fluidity of the internet. The whole point of the internet is precisely that it is a global phenomenon, it's borderless, and if you start over allying on analogies like oil, you are going to extract it from the earth, you either burn it in an engine or store it in a barrel, and you make it your own. It is a false description of what data does in the modern economy and it would lead to a sort of protectionist approach to data,

which for instance the Chinese have upped from their terms successfully. Globally if we were to follow that model, China today, India tomorrow, then Vietnam, then Brazil, then the United States, everybody will start erecting data barriers and before you know it, the extraordinary ingenuity innovation of a borderless internet would have given way to a highly fragmented internet. So that's why I shall challenge the analogy because I think it's an analogy which justifies a Balkanised approach to the data economy.

On data localisation

Where the data is stored is not relevant... in Denmark or Texas. If the Indian authorities want to get more rapid access to data, particularly when it comes to pursuing data that extends beyond Indian jurisdiction, especially when dealing with anti-terrorism operations, the best way to do that is not to build a warehouse outside Delhi where you physically keep data. It is having a new agreement between the Indian and the US governments, particularly under the new Cloud Act, which facilitates such an agreement... I think most people in the technology world don't think it makes sense to apply an old world analogy to the new world of fluid data. And that is why I deliberately chose to try and challenge the analogy because these are analogies of a sort of linguistic petri dish, in which these ideas take root, and it just represents a fundamental misunderstanding of how data flows across board, and how the internet works, and crucially there are much more effective mechanisms which are more effective at addressing the public policy objectives that the Indian government completely legitimately seeks.

On data nationalism

I think we are now living through the years where the new rules of the internet will be written and we will look back in 20-30 years of time and sort of either regret or praise the efforts that we have made. We are all collectively the architects of rules for this data-driven technological revolution and there are three basic planets which will decide this fight for the open and closed internet: America, Europe and India. China made that call, that decision. As I keep saying, we don't have one internet — we have two internets. We have the Chinese internet and the non-Chinese internet. And I think all of the three, you can roughly guess where they are going to go, you can guess where America is going to go, where Europe is going to go. But I think there is a real battle of the soul of where India is going to go. Is it going to go in a more data nationalistic direction, which at least borrows elements of the Chinese model or is India going to do, which I very much hope it does — as an open democracy, as an entrepreneurial generation, as a country which produces legions of IT geniuses — is to actually embrace and sustain the openness of the internet.



(From left) Ankhi Das, Public Policy Director, Facebook, India, South & Central Asia; Kavitha Kunhi Kannan, Public Policy Manager, Facebook India; Shivnath Thukral, Public Policy Director, Facebook, India & South Asia



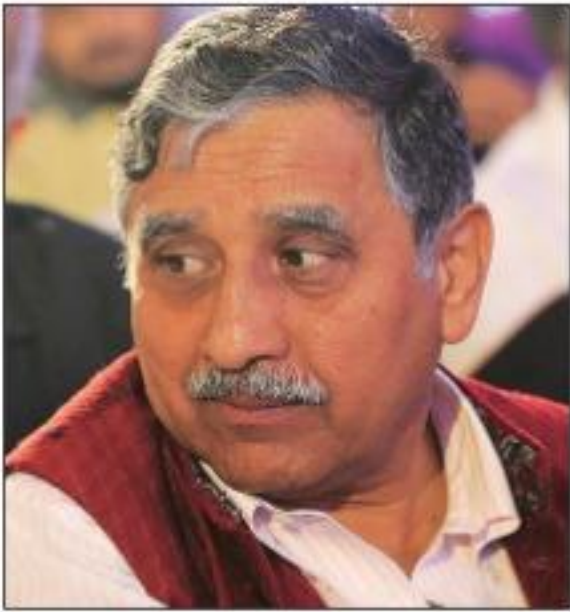
Syed Shahid Mahdi, former Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia



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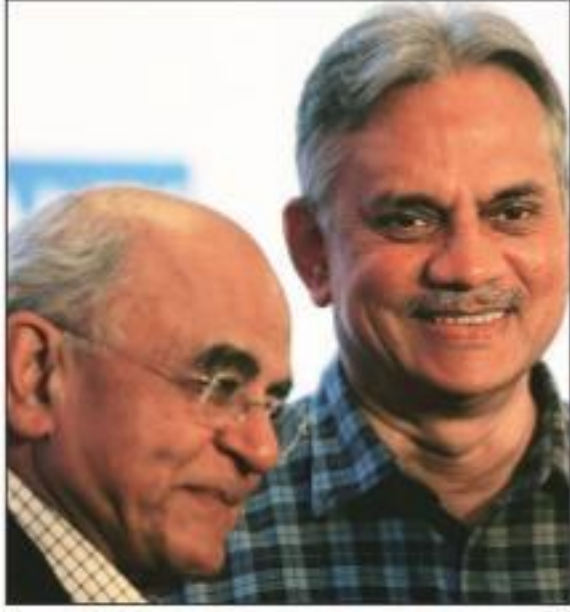
Patrick French, author and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Ahmedabad University (right), and Meru Gokhale, Publisher, The Penguin Press Group, Penguin Random House India



Nick Wood, Military Adviser, British High Commission in India (right), with British diplomat Pip Morgan



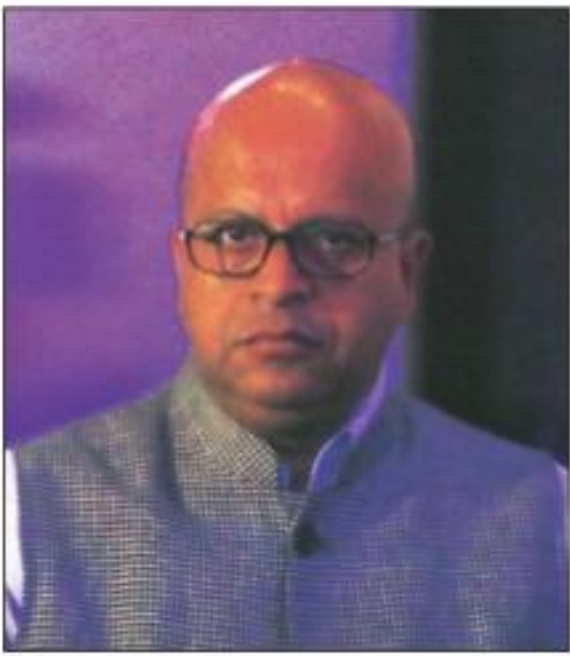
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Author Gurcharan Das (left) with journalist Sanjay Pugalia



A lively interaction with the audience at Express Adda



Subimal Bhattacharjee, cyber issues specialist

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PATRICK FRENCH, AUTHOR AND DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, AHMEDABAD UNIVERSITY

I wanted to ask about the Fixed-Term Parliaments Act, which you introduced as Deputy PM in 2012. Do you now think that the form in which the Act came in was a mistake?

No. The bill is doing exactly what it was designed to do, which was to stop the executive of the day from playing cat and mouse with the British people for her/his own political ends and to stop elections being inflicted on the British people from one moment to the next. It is quite right that the Parliament says, 'We're in the middle of the biggest constitutional crisis in the post-war period, so we're going to withhold the consent of the executive to hold an election for their own political purposes'. People who don't like it are usually Conservative supporting constitutionalists, or people who hanker for time when Prime Ministers could mess about the election timetable to suit their own ends.



SURENDRA KUMAR, FORMER INDIAN DIPLOMAT

For the last two years, the UK has been struggling to get an honourable divorce from the EU. Is it fair to say that the UK's international stature is diminishing? Also, do you think in 10 years we are going to see a person of Indian origin living in 10 Downing Street?

We had the first woman PM and I hope that we will have the first PM from the diverse communities of the UK. Coming to the other question, I don't know what is going to happen in the future. But I do know that there is an umbilical link between Britain's place or exit from the family of nations that makes up the EU and the family of nations that makes up the UK because it is important to remember that majority of voters in Northern Ireland and Scotland voted to stay, so there will be an increasing sense of grievance, particularly, if we exit in economically-damaging terms. There is just now an open goal for Scottish nationalism to remake its case to the Scottish people and an increased chance that it will lead to Scotland leaving the UK. If you want to exercise power in the real world, you've to share power. We're not in a position anymore to dictate the political weather around us. Britain has had its great history, we're at a different place now; the most patriotic thing to do is to recognise that and not hanker for the past, which does not exist anymore. Nostalgia is not a great guide for the future.



NIKHIL PAHWA, FOUNDER, MEDIANAMA

As a liberal, how would you reconcile individual rights over their own data with co-created data in the context of data portability? Secondly, if an Indian court demands it, would WhatsApp reconfigure its platform to bring in traceability?

There are a lot of signals like meta data, which we can share with law enforcement. What we can't do is sort of un-invent end-to-end encryption. There are certain technological barriers. As a liberal, it should be our right as a consumer to move our data from one service to another, but here is the complication... Do you give every single person you have interacted with on Facebook the right to consent or withhold consent for you to move data? We need regulators to tell us where the boundary lies.



KIRIT PARIKH, FORMER MEMBER, PLANNING COMMISSION, CHAIRMAN, INTEGRATED RESEARCH AND ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Today, you have millions of data points about a person and with artificial intelligence you can draw inferences that you weren't able to draw 20 years earlier. So in that case unless the data is made accessible to everyone, unequal data access should be banned or regulated. Would Facebook be willing to make data open to anyone who wants it?

Some of our services have very little data. WhatsApp, for example, is a data light service. Facebook and Instagram are more data intensive. It's not as if we are not preventing people from sharing the data they share with us with others. Where you do have a point, and this is a profound issue with the whole industry, is that as we all rely more and more on machine-learning and algorithms, the more data you have, the easier it is to train your systems to recognise those patterns and I do think there is a profound question about the ethical, social and cultural assumptions that you build in to those machine-learning tools as they process that data.



VN DALMIA, CHAIRMAN, DALMIA CONTINENTAL PVT LTD

I can understand it being an emotive issue for the Irish, but why is backstop such an emotive issue for the average Briton? Two, how does WhatsApp make money?

On the last bit, it doesn't. We would like to, at some point, see if we can introduce ads in WhatsApp Status. On the first, backstop, I don't think everyday folk spend that much time worrying about the backstop itself, which is very complex. People have a vague sense that there is a link between the membership of the EU and the peace settlement in Ireland, which people do treasure.



BRIEFLY

Big Bash ditches boundary countback rule for tie-breaker

Melbourne: The contentious boundary countback tie-breaker that gave England victory over New Zealand in the Cricket World Cup final won't be used in the Big Bash Twenty20 tournaments in Australia this season. Cricket Australia on Tuesday said that under the new rules, if two teams are tied at the end of a final and then again after a Super Over, subsequent Super Overs will be played until there is a clear winner in both the men's and women's T20 leagues. The new rule applies to all matches in the finals series, while a tied Super Over in a regular season game will see the points divided. At Lord's in July, New Zealand scored 241-8 and bowled out England for 241. Under World Cup final rules, the tied match went to a Super Over in which the best batsmen of one team try to score the most runs against a nominated bowler from the other. Both teams scored 15 runs in Super Over but England won on a countback of boundaries scored during the match. **AP**

Shastri, Kohli must guide Pant: Yuvraj

New Delhi: Former India cricketer Yuvraj Singh called for an end to the constant criticism of Rishabh Pant, saying the young stumper-batsman desperately needs guidance from captain Virat Kohli or anyone who can understand his psyche. Pant has been drawing flak for failing to grab his chances and getting out to rash shots despite being given a long rope by the Indian team management. "I really don't know what is happening with him (Rishabh). He is facing a lot of criticism which is not needed. Somebody needs to get the best out of him," Yuvraj said. Pant struggled during the away series against the West Indies last month before failing to ake an impact in the recent home T20 International series against South Africa. "The people monitoring him, the coach (Ravi Shastri), the captain (Kohli) have to guide him," the former left-handed batsman added. **PTI**

Bangladesh U-19s leave for NZ

Dhaka: Bangladesh's Under-19 team has left on the country's first cricket tour to New Zealand since their Test players narrowly escaped the deadly mosque attacks in Christchurch earlier this year. A 15-member squad left Dhaka late Monday to play five youth one-day internationals from September 29, following reassurances from Wellington about security measures It is the first visit of a Bangladeshi squad since the shootings at two mosques on March 15 that claimed 51 lives. Bangladesh's Test squad were just a few minutes from being caught up in the carnage as they attended Friday prayers. "New Zealand gave us a formal guarantee, which we worked out and sent it to our government," said Bangladesh Cricket Board chief executive Nizamuddin Chowdhury. **AFP**

Ali Asfak Thara was taken into custody after several days of questioning

Allegedly placed bets with a Dubai-based bookie

12 KPL players suspected of being in touch with him for betting

KPL team owner arrested for betting

JOHNSON TA
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 24

THE OWNER of a Karnataka Premier League cricket team was arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) unit of Bengaluru Police on Tuesday following a probe into an alleged cricket betting racket during the KPL season that concluded last month.

Ali Asfak Thara, a travel and tours businessman who bought the Belagavi Panthers franchise in 2017, was arrested by the CCB after several days of interrogation. Along with Ali, several others involved with KPL — including players and coaching staff of more than one team — were also questioned.

"The CCB has unearthed a betting scandal in the KPL. Belagavi Panthers team owner Ali was placing bets on matches. He placed bets with a bookie who is allegedly in Dubai. He is arrested for betting," joint commissioner of police (crime) Sandeep Patil said.

The investigation into the KPL betting racket is yet to unearth evidence of results of matches being fixed but there are indications of fixing of the toss, batting order, no balls and wide balls and other events during games, police said.

"Match-fixing is still under inquiry. Ali was in touch with players of other teams during the KPL. The players are being investigated," Patil said.

As many as 12 players in KPL are suspected to have been in touch with Ali for betting as per the investigation, police sources said. The probe into betting and match-fixing in KPL was opened up by the CCB on the basis of inputs provided by the BCCI Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) soon after allegations of betting and match-fixing in the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL), they indicated.

Police claimed that they were on the lookout for a Dubai-based bookie with whom the Belagavi Panthers owner collaborated to fix passages of play during KPL matches. Ali, who has business interests in Dubai, had revived the fortunes of the Belagavi Panthers after buying the team. The franchise, which now has India international Manish Pandey as its most high-profile player, won the league in 2017.

Ali has also been involved in promoting T20 cricket in Sri Lanka where he organised an inter-academy tournament a few years ago. During KPL, there was allegations of matches being fixed with bookies operating online offering full details of 'fixed' events in a match and the final result at the start of games to people signing up on Whatsapp.

The BCCI's ACU had taken over the charge of monitoring state-unit run T20 leagues organised by various state associations for this season. Many cases have emerged for investigation while a few have led to BCCI registering complaints against individuals.

"Players from Indian women, TNPL, KPL, Mumbai informed us about someone approaching them. These unwanted elements want a platform and they keep on approaching. The Indian woman player who was approached was not even playing, she was doing rehab, these people make random approach," BCCI ACU chief Ajit Singh had told *The Indian Express* last week.

"This year the cases of approaches have come more to us because of the additional responsibility we have taken of looking after these T20 leagues organised by the state associations".



Police say they are on the lookout for a Dubai-based bookie with whom the Belagavi Panthers owner collaborated to fix passages of play. *Twitter/Belagavi Panthers*

Belagavi Panthers boss Thara had stake in a T10 team, organised tournament in Sri Lanka

SRIRAM VEERA
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 24

ALI ASFAK Thara, the owner of a Karnataka Premier League (KPL) team Belagavi Panthers, who was arrested by the police in connection with betting, had his finger in many pies.

KPL isn't the only league in which Thara owned a team. He is also a co-owner of Kerala Kings, a team in a T10 tournament held in Abu Dhabi. Established cricketers like Chris Gayle, Eoin Morgan, Kieron Pollard played in his team. His profile on that team's site says that he "manages 6 leading teams playing league matches" in different leagues. "he is a founder of Ali Travel & Tours" a travel company based in Bangalore. "After proving his mettle in his family's export and import business of poppy seeds in India, he ventured into cricket", the profile reads.

Thara was also the main organiser of the International Cricket Premier League (ICPL) that was held in Sri Lanka, a tournament launched in 2016 and organised by his travel company. Former Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya was the brand ambassador of the tournament.

A former India player was supposed to have taken part as a committee member of ICPL but later pulled out. "At that time, it was because of presence of Pakistan players in that



Ali Asfak Thara, the owner of Belagavi Panthers, also had a stake in Kerala Kings and was the organiser of the International Cricket Premier League, which was held in Sri Lanka.

tournament and I wasn't sure how the Indian cricket board would see it."

Another former India player was offered a job in Ali's team in KPL but refused. "Nothing concrete, but the talk about him (Thara) among players I knew put me off. I thought it's better if I stayed away."

The overwhelming feeling among a few players in the T20 league was one of relief when news broke that Thara was picked up by the police. The episode also raises questions about the various T20 leagues operating in the country and beyond. Such was the suspicious activity around KPL that one player said his captain would announce the team only in the final huddle on the field as there were "suspicions about couple of players in the team". This wasn't Thara's team Belagavi Panthers but another.

Another player's suspicion arose when he found "fans" from Haryana visit Hubli to watch KPL games. "I was thinking we aren't that big; why would they come from Haryana? Definitely fishy; illegal betting and what not, we players have our doubts and would chat about it."

It was the similar case with TNPL, where the sources involved in the probe told *The Indian Express* that, bookies and match fixers take control of a franchise through an illegal deal with the team owner and are running

"the team in such a way that they make wind-fall gain in betting".

The Anti Corruption Unit sources say that one of the bookies confided to them that the coach was seen giving instructions to players on how many runs to score. It was also reported that "important persons in touch with bookies are spreading in different teams" in the TNPL league.

A similar allegation has surfaced in KPL as well, especially regarding Thara, who is alleged to have kept in contact with players across different teams. A member of the Belagavi Panthers told this newspaper about how Thara used to run a cricket academy in Bangalore and also reported to have owned a few cricket clubs. "He would organise tournaments before and made a few contacts through that."

A player said that Thara would send players to Dubai in the past for cricket tournaments. "When he came on to KPL, rumours started to spread among players and I would pray that I was never picked up by his team in the auction."

The joint commissioner of Bengaluru police Sandeep Patil said on Tuesday after arresting the owner: "Thara was in touch with a Dubai-based bookie." The police have summoned 34 players from various teams for questioning.

Those over 70 cannot attend BCCI AGM: CoA reiterates in advisory

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 24

THE COMMITTEE of Administrators (CoA) on Tuesday barred the BCCI/state association members above 70 years of age from attending the AGMs as representatives of their respective affiliated units. The 'disqualified' members, as per the BCCI/state association constitution, cannot be part of any committee/council as well. The majority of the state associations, though, remain defiant, deciding to go by the apex court's September 20 order until a fresh court directive is issued.

The CoA, in its advisory on Tuesday, directed the state associations and their respective electoral officers not to "re-amend" their constitutions other than incorporating the relaxation granted by the Supreme Court in their election procedure. The apex court in its September 20 order directed that disqualification in state associations' elections would be restricted only to those who had held the position of office-bearers.

Simply put, in light of the Supreme Court order, if a member has served nine or more years as a working/managing/executive committee member, without holding any office, in a state association, he/she is eligible to contest for an office-bearer post. But, as according to the CoA advisory, other restrictions stand, if a member is disqualified as per the BCCI/state association constitution, he/she cannot be part of any committee or attend meetings.

On Monday, the CoA had filed an application before the court, seeking certain clar-



BCCI's Committee of Administrators chief Vinod Rai.

ifications on the September 20 order. Today, the court heard the matter again and accordingly the CoA issued the advisory.

"A state association cannot nominate as its representative anybody who is disqualified as per the BCCI constitution. I waited for it (today's Supreme Court hearing) and only after the discussion took place, we issued the advisory," CoA chairman Vinod Rai told *The Indian Express*.

"The State Associations who have not

brought their constitutions in line with the BCCI Constitution run the risk of their election results not being recognised," stated the CoA advisory.

The BCCI constitution says a person "shall be disqualified" from being an office-bearer/councilor/committee member if, among others, he/she has "attained the age of 70 years" or "holds a public office" ... Also, if someone has hold office for six years on the spin, he/she needs to go for a mandatory three-year cooling-off period.

According to a former state association president, going by the spirit of the Lodha Committee recommendations, approved by the Supreme Court, members above 70 years of age shouldn't represent any affiliated unit at the AGMs.

State associations defiant

Some state associations, however, remain defiant. "Unless and until it's a Supreme Court order, we won't accept it. We don't know whether it's heard or not. Until we get an official order from the court, we can't do anything. The past (September 20) Supreme Court order is very clear. The CoA has issued many directives that have been turned down by the court," a state association office-bearer told this paper.

It would be interesting to see how the electoral officers interpret the latest CoA advisory. The Cricket Association of Bengal's (CAB) electoral officer Sushanta Ranjan Upadhaya, for example, had barred members above 70 years of age from representing their respective affiliated units at the state association's September 28 AGM. "Affiliated

Members shall ensure that their representative so nominated on their behalf should not be disqualified to become an Office Bearer or a Councilor of CAB in terms of the CAB Constitution," the election procedure had said.

The electoral officer relaxed it and allowed members above 70 years of age to attend the AGM as representatives after the September 20 court order. Following the CoA advisory today, Upadhaya told this paper that he would take "legal opinion tomorrow" before putting out the list of representation.

BCCI elections on Oct 23

Meanwhile, in view of the Assembly polls in Maharashtra and Haryana, the CoA has deferred the BCCI elections by a day and it would now be held on October 23. Deadline for state associations to complete their election process has been extended to October 4. "... in order to facilitate and secure compliance by various State Associations and for conduct of elections in the member State Associations in accordance with the judgment dated 18th July 2016 and 9th August, 2018 and any further order and judgement that the Hon'ble Supreme Court may be pleased to pass, the COA hereby extends the date for completion of election by member State Associations to 4th October, 2019. Further, the date of BCCI election is extended by one day in view of the voting in the Legislative Assembly elections in the states of Maharashtra and Haryana on 21st October, 2019. Accordingly, the election date for BCCI stands postponed to 23rd October, 2019," the CoA advisory stated.

SL touch down in Pak for limited overs series

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 24

SRI LANKA'S CRICKET team arrived in Pakistan on Tuesday for a series of limited-overs matches, with the Pakistani government promising to give the players the same level of security as a head of state.

It is the first time since Sri Lanka's team bus was attacked by terrorists in Lahore in 2009 that a foreign team will conduct a two-week tour of Pakistan. Major teams have avoided Pakistan since that ambush, which killed eight people and injured several players. Ten of Sri Lanka's top cricketers opted out of this tour because of security concerns, but the makeshift team arrived in the southern port city of Karachi, which will host three one-day internationals on Sept. 27, 29 and Oct. 2. Those will be followed by three Twenty20s in Lahore.

"We can't forget, 10 years ago it was a terrible attack on the Sri Lanka team and they are the same country which has come back to play here," Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Ehsan Mani said in Lahore. "We are thankful to the players and their board for standing strong with Pakistan."

The current tour also looked in doubt after the Sri Lankan cricket board said it had been warned by its government about a possible terrorist threat. But the tour finally got the go-ahead from the SLC after Pakistan's government promised that the army would coordinate the security over the two-week long visit. Over the past four years, Pakistan has successfully hosted Zimbabwe, the West Indies, Sri Lanka, and a World XI for limited-overs matches amid intense security as it

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tries to win back the confidence of foreign teams to restart fully fledged international cricket at home. For the last 10 years Pakistan has been playing most of its "home" matches in the United Arab Emirates.

But Mani said he expects both the National Stadium in Karachi and the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore to be full for the ODI and Twenty20 series against Sri Lanka.

"We have been playing in front of virtually empty stadiums (in UAE) which wasn't a cause of motivation," Mani said. "In Pakistan we will have people coming in stadiums not only to support their own team but also applauding Sri Lanka for taking a big step to help us as a country."

The PCB also used its own domestic Twenty20 league as a brand to attract foreign players to play in Pakistan over the last three years. Sri Lanka's team bus will be flanked by a fleet of vans carrying armed security personnel when moving from the hotel to the stadium, but Mani is hoping things will normalize eventually.

CWG waste of time, India should withdraw altogether: IOA president



India won 66 medals at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

WFI pulls up Sakshi, Divya for poor show at World C'ship

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THE WRESTLING Federation of India (WFI) demanded explanation from Rio Olympics bronze medalist Sakshi Malik for their early exit at the recently-concluded World Championships in Nur Sultan. The federation also pulled up Divya Kakran, who competes in the 68kg category, for losing in the first round while questioned bronze medal winner Bajrang Punia's coach Shako Bentinidis for challenging referee's decisions which, they believe, cost him the semifinal bout.

Upset with the performances, WFI president Brijbhushan Saran Singh had personal discussions with the wrestlers and coaches soon after the bouts at the World Championships. The federation, an official said, was worried in particular over Sakshi's form. Sakshi, who competes in the 62 kg category, lost in the first round to Nigeria's Aminat Adeniyi. It was in the continuance of her recent struggles — at the 2018 Worlds, she had lost in the quarterfinals while the year before that, she had made another first-round exit. At the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, where most Indian wrestlers won a gold, Sakshi could manage only a bronze while another third-place finish at the Asian Championship later that year added to her frustrations.

The form of Greco-Roman wrestlers, as well as a few freestylers like Divya, has also bothered the WFI. "She has been underperforming consistently. The government is spending a lot of money on the athletes and giving them all the facilities they need. It is important to know why the desired results are not being achieved," a federation official said. "The federation's president spoke to her and other wrestlers immediately after their bout. We will continue to monitor their progress."

Bajrang, meanwhile, lost his semifinal bout against Kazakhstan's Daulet Niyazbekov under controversial circumstances last Thursday. After conceding a massive lead, Bajrang fought back in the 65kg semifinal to level the scores 9-9. The bout ended at that score but since Niyazbekov was given a bigger throw of four points in the bout, he was declared the winner.

The four-point decision, in fact, was at the heart of a major controversy, with the Indian side claiming they were denied points due to a refereeing error. Bentinidis had challenged the decision but was unsuccessful, resulting in a point deduction for Bajrang.

Brijbhushan, according to the WFI official, questioned Bentinidis's decision to challenge the call. "He acted impulsively and showed immaturity. The failed challenge ultimately proved to be the difference," the official said. "Bentinidis has assured he will be careful in such scenarios going forward and promised to help Bajrang win gold in Tokyo."

MIHIR VASAVDA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 24

CLAIMING THAT they are no longer relevant, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president Narinder Batra has called for the country to withdraw altogether from the Commonwealth Games rather than boycotting a one-off edition. Batra added that India should instead focus on taking part in international events where the level of competition is high to improve its standing at the Olympics.

Batra said he will put up this proposal at the IOA executive board meeting, which is likely to be held next month. If the members approve, the Olympic body will take it up with the government and subsequently the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) president, when she visits the country in November.

"These Games have no standard. For me, these are a waste of time and money. We win

70 medals, 100 medals at the Commonwealth Games while at the Olympics, we get stuck at two (medals)," Batra told *The Indian Express*, referring to India's tally in Rio. "That means the level of competition isn't high at CWG. It's not a ranking tournament either. So why waste time? We should rather go to better competitions and prepare for the Olympics."

In July, the IOA took an unprecedented step and proposed a complete boycott of the 2022 CWG in Birmingham after the organisers dropped shooting from the programme despite months of lobbying by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) as well as former sports minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore. CGF president Louise Martin is likely to visit New Delhi on November 14 to meet IOA officials as well as sports minister Kiren Rijiju.

Batra said he wasn't in favour of boycotting a standalone edition of the Games. "I'm not in favour of the boycott. In sports, you never use the word boycott. My fundamental principle

is either we withdraw permanently or go and compete," Batra said. "We will have an internal discussion in IOA before the meeting (with CGF) on November 14. I'll put up this suggestion in the IOA meeting and see if there is a consensus. We'll have political decisions as well."

The government has so far resisted the calls from the IOA and NRAI to boycott the Birmingham Games, saying such decisions cannot be taken unilaterally. But Batra insisted participating in the CWG does not benefit Indian athletes given the competition level isn't 'high enough'. "The entire Middle East does not compete in CWG. The USA doesn't either. Ultimately, IOA will vote for it. As a sports administrator, it is my duty to make sure India has a strong team for the 2024, 2028, 2032 Olympics. We won't achieve that by competing at the CWG," he said.

India have won 101, 64 and 66 medals in the 2010, 2014 and 2018 editions of the CWG respectively. Athletes winning medals at these Games receive hefty prize money, with centre

earmarking ₹30 lakh for gold medalists, ₹20 lakh for silver winners and ₹10 lakh for bronze medalists. The state governments offer separate prize money while employers like Railways, oil companies and state police department offer cash incentives and/or promotions to the medal winners.

Batra acknowledged his suggestions may not go down with the athletes. "Athletes may hate me for it because they get prize money for these Games. I will request the government to divide this prize money in different tournaments of better level," Batra said. "If it is not a good competition then why should we go?"

The IOA chief added the Commonwealth body has been 'undermining' India and the country is not adequately represented in its bodies 'despite being their largest partners, population wise.' "Yet, they don't consider us seriously. There are 13 committees and there isn't one Indian in them. There is no Indian in the executive board. Why are we in the system? It's a colonial thing."

VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY ROUND-UP

Mukund, Dinesh Karthik shine for TN

Half-centuries by Abhinav Mukund (75, 83 balls, 7 fours) and Baba Aparajith (52, 67 balls, 2 fours) helped Tamil Nadu beat hosts Rajasthan by six wickets in their opening Group 'C' match.

Brief scores: Rajasthan 261/9 in 50 overs (Arit Gupta 77, Rahul Chahar 48, Ashok Menaria 35; K Vignesh 3/34) lost to Tamil Nadu (Abhinav Mukund 75, B Aparajith 52, Dinesh Karthik 52 not out, Shahrulkh Khan 48 not out) by six wickets; **Points:** Tamil Nadu: 4, Rajasthan: 0.

Kalaria helps Gujarat beat Bengal

Bhargav Merai top-scored with 63 before medium pacer Rush Kalaria took four wickets as Gujarat got the better of Bengal by 38 runs. Shreevats Goswami's 79 went in vain.

Brief scores: Gujarat 253/8 in 50 overs (Bhargav Merai 63, Manprit Juneja 47, Kathan Patel 36; Ashoke Dinda 3/58) beat Bengal 215 all out in 46.2 overs (Shreevats Goswami 79, Anustup Majumdar 39; Rush Kalaria 4/34, Axar Patel 1/47) by 38 runs; **Points:** Gujarat: 4, Bengal: 0.

Tripura get over the line against J&K

Ex-Delhi player Milind Kumar helped Tripura edge past Jammu and Kashmir by two wickets in a low-scoring contest.

Brief scores: Jammu & Kashmir 197 all out in 43.2 overs (Qamran Iqbal 43, Fazil Rashid 38; Harmit Singh 3/32) lost to Tripura 198/8 (Bishal Ghosh 62, Milind Kumar 77; Umar Nazir 3/45) by two wickets; **Points:** Tripura: 4, J&K: 0.

Teja hits ton for Meghalaya

Seasoned campaigner Dwaraka Ravi Teja made an impressive start with Meghalaya as his unbeaten century shaped his side's 194-run victory over Sikkim in their Vijay Hazare Trophy Plate group opener.

Brief scores: Meghalaya 318/5 in 50 overs (Dwaraka Ravi Teja 109 not out, Punit Bisht 74, Amiangshu Sen 59) beat Sikkim 124 in 46.3 overs (Yashpal Singh 53; Aditya Singhania 4/18) by 194 runs; **Points:** Meghalaya 4, Sikkim 0. **PTI**

India No.1 bowler short

Strike pacer Bumrah to miss three Test series against South Africa due to stress fracture of the lower back

TUSHAR BHADURI
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INDIA'S PROSPECTS in the inaugural ICC World Test Championship are intrinsically linked with the form and fitness of Jasprit Bumrah, but with the team's campaign in the two-year competition just two matches old, the loss of their most potent weapon has put a spanner in plans of Virat Kohli & Co.

The 25-year-old slingshot has been laid low by a "minor stress fracture in his lower back," according to a BCCI press release, but even though he will miss the three-Test series against South Africa beginning on October 2 in Visakhapatnam, there is no clarity on whether these will be the only matches Bumrah will miss, as stress fractures take time to heal.

"The injury was detected during a routine radiological screening. He will now undergo rehabilitation at NCA and will be monitored by the BCCI Medical Team," the release said.

Bumrah was rested for the T20 leg of the Proteas series, to keep him fit and fresh for the Tests, but things have not panned out as the think tank had envisaged.

India's next assignment after the series against South Africa is a home series against Bangladesh - which includes two Tests - as well. If Bumrah is unable to play against Bangladesh, his next opportunity to appear in Test whites will only be in February-March next year, when India visit New Zealand.

Bumrah has taken to Test cricket like a duck to water, despite being typecast as a white-ball specialist earlier in his career. His tally of 62 wickets in 12 Tests at an average of 19.24 is testament to his prowess, and the way he operates and sets up batsmen has even impressed legends such as Andy Roberts and Curtly Ambrose.

Bumrah has played in South Africa, England, Australia and West Indies, and taken five-wicket hauls in every series. But he is yet to feature in a Test in India, and the wait is set to continue for a few months longer.

Umesh gets a lifeline

Umesh Yadav, who played the last of his 41 Tests in Perth last year, gets another chance to showcase his credentials. Though he made the squad for the Test series in the West Indies, the team management may have lost some trust in the Vidarbha speedster after his erratic performance on his last outing on a pitch tailor-made for fast bowling.

A haul of 119 wickets at 33.47 is not eye-catching but, at his best, Umesh could be a force to reckon with on sub-continental pitches generally amenable to spinners. In his last Test on Indian soil, he grabbed a 10-wicket haul against the Windies in Hyderabad. But that was before Bumrah came into the Test reckoning and Umesh himself lost form and rhythm in the subsequent 12 months. With the likes of



CARRYING THE LOAD

In the absence of Jasprit Bumrah, Umesh Yadav could get another chance to showcase his credentials. *Express file*

Bhuvneshwar Kumar currently out of the Test squad and the likes of Navdeep Saini showing promise, the soon-to-turn-32 Umesh needs to make use of every opportunity before the team management and national selectors look past him.

Pitch, team combinations

But whether Umesh gets a chance to show his wares may depend on factors beyond his control. Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami are almost certainties in the starting XI due to their splendid recent performances. Whether the think tank goes with a third seamer or a spin-heavy bowling attack remains to be seen.

With arguably the best Test bowler in the world out of the series, India may opt to play all three of Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav, if the pitches are helpful to spinners. This was the formula applied when the Proteas last came to India, with a much stronger side on paper, and were beaten 3-0 with one Test rained out. Some of the surfaces provided for that series — especially in Mohali and Nagpur - could be termed dustbowls.

After South Africa, India face Bangladesh in a home series — which includes two Tests — as well. If Bumrah is unable to play against Bangladesh, his next opportunity to appear in whites will only be in February-March, when India visit New Zealand.

With the current South African touring party boasting the likes of Kagiso Rabada, Vernon Philander, Lungi Ngidi and Anrich Nortje, the scales on the pace bowling front would be more or less balanced in the absence of India's x-factor.

But as the No.1 Test side, India would be confident of putting it across the South Africans at home, even without Bumrah, on decent Test pitches.

Boost for SA batsmen

Apart from skipper Faf du Plessis, Quinton de Kock and, to some extent, Dean Elgar, the

Proteas batting resources betray a largely untested look. Temba Bavuma has played 36 Tests for a single hundred, Theunis de Bruyn has one, while Zubair Hamza's Test career is just once Test old. Aiden Markram is undoubtedly talented and marked for great things - as four centuries in 17 Tests and an average of 43.80 would testify. But the opening batsman, who will turn 25 during the first Test - plays with hard hands and looks far from assured against quality spin.

But with Bumrah out of the scene, a big headache will be off the shoulders of the Proteas think tank. As impressive as the other Indian seamers are, they can be termed 'conventional' and the batsmen largely know what to expect. It is safe to say that there is nobody quite like Bumrah in contemporary cricket.

The South African batsmen can now put most of their energies into devising plans to counter the Indian spinners. Even among them, Ashwin didn't feature in the West Indies while Kuldeep has been recently omitted from the T20 side as the selectors look at other options. These two will have their own pressures to counter.

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Murray wins first Tour singles match since Jan

Andy Murray called it "one of the toughest wins I've had" after grinding out his first singles victory on the ATP Tour since career-saving hip surgery in January. The former number one looked exhausted after his milestone 6-3, 6-7 (6/8), 6-1 win over Tennys Sandgren on Tuesday at the Zhuhai Championships. A three-time Grand Slam winner but now ranked 413 in the world, the Briton has competed mostly in doubles since his major surgery and recently played singles on the lower-level Challenger Tour. "In some ways it was one of the toughest wins that I've had," he said. "It's good to see I'm still progressing and making improvements." Murray faces seventh seed Alex de Minaur of Australia next.

Barty survives scare to make Wuhan last 16

Australia's Ash Barty kept alive her chances of preserving her world number one status at the end of the week after she beat France's Caroline Garcia 4-6 6-4 6-1 in the second round of the Wuhan Open on Tuesday. Barty and Pliskova are in a race to end the week on top of the WTA rankings. Czech Pliskova, who beat American Amanda Anisimova 6-3 6-3, needs to reach the semi-finals and advance one round further than the Australian if she is to return to the top of the rankings for the first time since 2017. Barty will face last week's Guangzhou Open winner Sofia Kenin, who beat Elise Mertens 4-6 6-4 7-6(5). Third seed Elina Svitolina and fourth seed Simona Halep too advanced.

Top Russian athlete hits out at Moscow officials

Russian high jump champion Mariya Lasitskene on Tuesday hit out at Moscow's sports officials ahead of this month's world championships in Doha, saying she will not let them stop her from going to another Olympics. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on Monday gave Russia three weeks to explain "inconsistencies" in a cache of laboratory data handed over to investigators. "I do not intend to miss a second Olympics in a row because of some strange people that cannot do their job honestly," the 26-year-old, a two-time world champion who missed the 2016 Games, said.



Kim Ji Hyun played a pivotal role in PV Sindhu's march to the World title.

Coach Kim resigns due to personal reasons

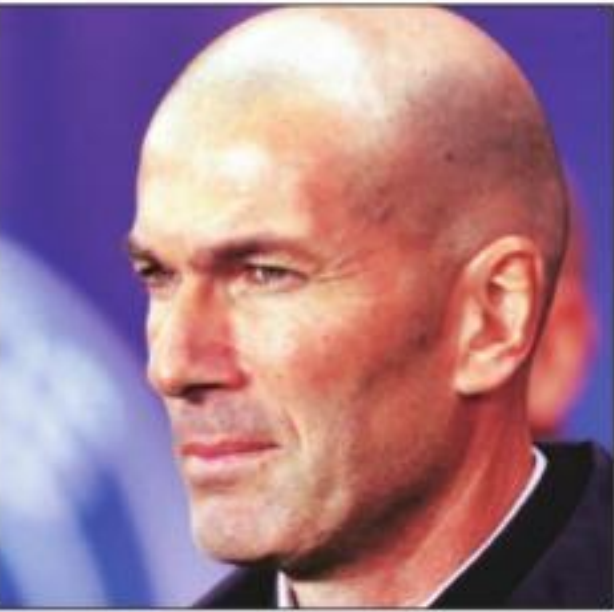
South Korean Kim Ji Hyun, who played a pivotal role in PV Sindhu's march to the world title recently, has resigned as India's women's singles coach citing personal reasons but the national federation said it hasn't received any official communication from her. The 45-year-old from Busan has rushed to New Zealand to care for her husband Ritchie Marr, who suffered a stroke a few days ago. Kim, who was roped in by the Badminton Association of India (BAI) early this year, was with Sindhu during her World Championship gold-winning campaign last month at Basel, Switzerland. "It is true, Kim has resigned as her husband is pretty unwell. He suffered a kind of neuro stroke sometime during the World Championship. So she rushed back. She needs to take care of him as it will take around 4 to 6 months for him to recover," India's chief national coach Pullela Gopichand told PTI. However, the Badminton Association of India (BAI) General Secretary Ajay K Singhania said that neither the governing body nor the Sports Authority of India (SAI) have received any resignation from Kim.

US PGA Tour cancels Hong Kong event

The US PGA Tour on Tuesday cancelled next month's season-ending event on its Chinese feeder golf circuit in Hong Kong citing "continued demonstrations, civil unrest and safety concerns". The Clearwater Bay Open, from October 17-20, would have been the climax of the third-tier, 14-event, PGA Tour Series-China. Instead it became the latest sporting casualty of sometimes violent mass anti-government protests. Next month's WTA Hong Kong Open featuring many of the world's top women tennis players has already been postponed and last week a horse racing meeting was cancelled for the first time.

Abhinav takes first round lead in Jaipur

Abhinav Lohan went on a birdie-spree in the opening round of the TATA Steel PGTI's Jaipur Open, firing nine-under-61 to take the lead here Tuesday. Lohan finished his round with seven consecutive birdies at the Rambagh Golf Club. Gurugram-based Shivendra Singh Sisodia and Bengaluru's M Dharma scored eight-under-62 for tied second place. Abhinav, who won the team silver medal at the 2010 Asian Games, capitalised on the momentum from his last outing at the Asian Tour event played at the Classic Golf & Country Club where he had finished tied 21st with a total of 10-under.



Zidane fed up as Real injury list grows

Coach Zinedine Zidane expressed frustration about Real Madrid's growing injury list this season, after it emerged that defender Ferland Mendy will miss Wednesday's visit of Osasuna for a La Liga match. Real have had a bumpy start to the season, with other members of the first team squad picking up more than 10 separate problems between them so far. "It annoys me a lot because I don't want my players to get injured, but it's a part of football," Zidane said. "Hopefully it's just one of those small things that can happen, because games at this level take a lot out of you." Zidane, who has also lost attacker Marco Asensio to a long-term knee injury, hinted there is a chance that Luka Modric and Isco could be fit, and Marcelo's back problem might not be as bad as first feared either.

Better than the best

Messi wins his sixth FIFA player of the year award, while Rapinoe bags her first; Ronaldo snubs event

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LIONEL MESSI won his sixth FIFA player of the year award, while Megan Rapinoe won her first at a lavish ceremony at Milan's iconic Teatro alla Scala on Monday.

Rapinoe was rewarded at the FIFA Best awards for leading the United States to the women's World Cup title in July, as was Jill Ellis who won the women's coach award.

Rapinoe scored six goals in the tournament, earning her the Golden Boot for the tournament's top scorer and the Golden Ball as the top player.

The outspoken star often uses her success as a platform to speak out about issues and the 34-year-old did so again in Milan, pleading for her male and female colleagues to join the likes of Manchester City winger Raheem Sterling in speaking out on racism and other inequalities. "If we really want to have meaningful change what I think is most inspiring would be if everybody other than Raheem Sterling and (Kalidou) Koulibaly, if they were as outraged about racism as they were, if everybody was as outraged about homophobia as the LGBTQ players, if everybody was as outraged about the lack of equal pay and investment in the women's game other than just women, that would be the most inspiring thing to me," Rapinoe said.

"That's my ask of everybody. As professional footballers ... we have so much success, we have incredible platforms, I ask everybody here to lend your platform, to lift people up, to use this beautiful game to change the world for better." Rapinoe finished with 46 ranking points to 42 for teammate Alex Morgan and 29 for England's Lucy Bronze.

After the ceremony, Rapinoe said being able to speak out about issues is more important to her than the actual award.

"I've been very lucky to have this incredibly platform that seems to be growing by the day and I plan to use it to the best of my ability," she told reporters. "The award's amazing of course but I don't do this for individual awards, certainly not."

"Even the team awards, the World Cup's obviously incredible to win but when we sort of all look back on it, it will be the way we've changed the game and moved the game forward and really been a part of changing the world, this incredible movement that's happening right now, that we'll all be most proud



USA's World Cup-winning skipper Megan Rapinoe finished with 46 ranking points to 42 for teammate Alex Morgan and 29 for England's Lucy Bronze. Reuters

of." Messi's award moved the Barcelona and Argentina forward one ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo. The Juventus forward did not attend the ceremony despite being among the three finalists.

Old order returns

The duo has dominated the award since 2008, with their string of victories only in-

errupted by Luka Modric last year.

Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk was the other finalist. Messi finished with 46 ranking points to 38 for van Dijk and 36 for Ronaldo.

Aaron Long, given the U.S. captain's vote because he was among two players who wore the armband twice this year, voted for van Dijk, as did American coach Gregg

Berhalter. Van Dijk's club manager Jurgen Klopp was voted coach of the year after steering Liverpool to the Champions League title in June, while teammate Alisson won the best men's goalkeeper award.

"I have to thank my team because as coach you can only be as good as your team is," Klopp said. Ellis also thanked her players. "I owe so much to them," she said.

Ellis resigned in July, shortly after the U.S. beat the Netherlands 2-0 to win its second successive World Cup.

The 53-year-old Ellis was hired as coach of the U.S. team in 2014 and led it to eight overall tournament titles, including back-to-back World Cup successes. Over the course of her tenure, the United States lost just seven matches. Her players made up nearly half of the women's team of the year, with Kelley O'Hara, Julie Ertz, Rose Lavelle and Morgan included in the 11 as well as Rapinoe.

"I think I walked out with Messi and no one noticed me," Ellis said jokingly to reporters, before adding: "It was such an honor, it really was. Fantastic night ... happy for my players to do so well as well on that stage so it was great."

The award for the best women's goalkeeper went to van Veenendaal of Atletico Madrid and the Netherlands.

The 29-year-old Van Veenendaal captained the Netherlands to the final of the women's World Cup.

FIFA boss Infantino chides Italian football

FIFA president Gianni Infantino has made a plea to "kick racism out" of Italian football, during the FIFA Best Football Awards ceremony in Milan. "Tonight is a night to celebrate, but we should reflect a little bit," the Swiss-Italian football chief told a star-studded gathering at Milan's iconic La Scala Opera House on Monday night.

"I would like to say that here in Italy in my country, yesterday (Sunday) we witnessed again in the Italian championship an episode of racism. 'This is not acceptable any more, we have to say no to racism in society. We have to kick racism out of football and society once and for all.'"

Sunday's Italian league match between Atalanta and Fiorentina was halted for several minutes after racist abuse was aimed at the Tuscan side's Brazilian player Dalbert in a game played in Parma.

The Elite



MEN'S COACH
JURGEN KLOPP
(LIVERPOOL)



WOMEN'S COACH,
JILL ELLIS (USA)



PUSKAS AWARD
DANIEL ZSORI
(FEHÉRVÁR FC)



MEN'S GOALKEEPER
ALISSON BECKER
(LIVERPOOL)



WOMEN'S GOALKEEPER
SARI VAN VEENENDAAL
(THE NETHERLANDS)

MEN'S WORLD XI

Alisson Becker (BRA/Liverpool)
Matthijs de Ligt (NED/Ajax/Juventus)
Sergio Ramos (ESP/Real Madrid)
Virgil van Dijk (NED/Liverpool)
Marcelo (BRA/Real Madrid)
Luka Modric (CRO/Real Madrid)
Frenkie de Jong (NED/Ajax/Barcelona)
Eden Hazard (BEL/Chelsea/ Real Madrid)
Cristiano Ronaldo (POR/Juventus)
Kylian Mbappe (FRA/PSG)
Lionel Messi (ARG/Barcelona)

WOMEN'S WORLD XI

Sari van Veenendaal (NED)
Lucy Bronze (ENG)
Nilla Fischer (SWEDEN)
Kelley O'Hara (USA)
Wendie Renard (FRANCE)
Julie Ertz (USA)
Amandine Henry (FRANCE)
Rose Lavelle (USA)
Marta (BRAZIL)
Alex Morgan (USA)
Megan Rapinoe (USA)

Pictures: AP

Klopp inspired to make charity pledge

MILAN: LIVERPOOL MANAGER Jurgen Klopp has revealed that the emotional high of his side's Champions League triumph inspired him to join the Common Goal charity.

Klopp will join a host of star names from the world of football, including Manchester United's Juan Mata and FIFA women's player of the year Megan Rapinoe, by donating one percent of his salary to aid the work of charities across the world. The 52-year-old, who was crowned FIFA men's coach of the year on Monday, told the Players Tribune of difficult times he suffered early in his career as an amateur footballer, working in a warehouse while trying to support his young family. And while he now faces the pressure of trying to deliver Liverpool's first Premier League title in 30 years, Klopp insisted he and his players have the luxury of no longer living in the 'real world'. "We should not forget what it was like when we had real problems," said Klopp. "This bubble we live in is not the real world. I am sorry, but anything that happens on a football pitch is not a real problem. There

should be a bigger purpose to this game than revenue and trophies, no? "Just think what we could accomplish if we all came together and gave one percent of what we earn to make a positive difference in the world. Maybe I am naive. Maybe I am a crazy old dreamer.

"But who is this game for? We all know damn well that this game is for dreamers." After a stunning comeback from losing the first leg of their Champions League semi-final 3-0 to Barcelona to beat the Spanish champions 4-0 at Anfield in May, Liverpool lifted their sixth European Cup by beating Tottenham 2-0.

On their return to Liverpool, an open-top bus parade took the team passed hundreds of thousands of celebrating fans on the city's streets. "If you could've put all the emotions, all the excitement, all the love in the air that day and bottled it up, the world would be a better place," added Klopp. "I have not been able to get the emotion of that day out of my head. Football has given me everything in my life. But I really want to do more to give back to the world."

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Stars in the making

Picked on Fox Sports by "Home Nations' legends Brian O' Driscoll, Sam Warburton, Jonny Wilkinson and Gavin Hastings to shine at this World Cup, a first look at how the anointed stars fared in their opening games.

BILLY VUNIPOLA

Picked by Ireland legend

Brian O'Driscoll to shine.

PREDICTION
"WITH GRITTED TEETH, I'M GOING TO SAY ENGLAND TO WIN THE WORLD CUP."

BILLY WAS born in Sydney and grew up in Wales and England but thinks of himself as being both English and Tongan, just like his father, Fe'ao, who captained the Tongans the first time they played England in a World Cup, at Twickenham in 1999. A superstar in England at 26, his conflicting loyalties were front and centre of the England-Tonga battle, with Tonga's chuckling coach Toutai Kefu, telling his lads to "get into Billy's face and smash him." The man for the job was 26-year-old Zane Kapeli and according to Guardian, "...caught Billy flush in the chest just as he was breaking into a sprint upfield off the back of a lineout. Vunipola staggered backwards, fell flat on his backside and blinked in disbelief."

Guardian likened him to a "rhino making a desperate charge at the safari park fence in a last bid for freedom." Vunipola would get up and grin sheepishly at his Tongan teammates. "I was waiting for it," he said, "but it still took me by surprise a little bit."

DAMIAN PENAUD

Picked by Scotland great Gavin Hastings as an exciting prospect to light up the Blues.

PREDICTION
"Goodness me. I just don't want to go down the conventional route. Let's say South Africa."

SON OF former French international, Alain Penaud, Damian who turns 23 today, is the lynchpin of Guy Noves' Bleus, playing in the wings though he started an outside centre. Playing for the Clermont Academy, Penaud is a former U20s Cupper, and can draw such stark zigzags on the field not so much bursting but threading through defenses. He was central to the French win against the Pumas as the backline looked impeccably well-oiled. "Flying winger Damian Penaud continues his stellar 2019, he led the way despite not scoring a try himself. It was his break down the right that led to Gael Fickou's opener and then Penaud spun



England's Billy Vunipola was born in Australia to Tongan parents. Reuters

clear to feed Antoine Dupont for the second. The Clermont wing has an ability to beat tackles that maybe only Cheslin Kolbe can match at this World Cup - and they have have searing straight line speed as well," noted sixnationsrugby.com At the end of the match, though Penaud was released for a concussion protocol following an involuntary knee injury. In the At the 68th, he received an involuntary knee injury, on the fallout of an aerial duel, which forced him to go out to take part in a concussion protocol according to lerugbynistere.fr

GARRY RINGROSE

Picked by England legend Jonny Wilkinson for his likeness to Brian O'Driscoll.

PREDICTION
"See England having the capacity to go and do it. It's interesting having Wales and Ireland, certainly Ireland, going in there with some expectations."

DROPPED FROM the Irish u20 squad by coach for some defensive issues, the BlackRock man a former U20 World player, was back where he belonged sizzling with instinctive moves especially against the Baby Boks in juniors. Coached at Leinster Academy, comparisons to Robbie Henshaw and O'Driscoll have been many. Ringrose, the centre, finished his tackles in the mid-field strongly against Scotland, and showed high quality awareness and analysis and a general good read on opponents. He gathered balls on the full avoiding panic at the bounce and his low tackles were assured. Overall a good game sense, gave him a good start as the World No 1 side aim to go deep

into Japan.

JOE COKANASIGA

Picked by Welsh legend Sam Warburton as a "freakish winger from Fiji that teams should be pretty weary of. I think he's going to be a surprise package that can announce himself on the world stage."

PREDICTION
"If I had to have a gun to the head and say one, I'd say South Africa. If they can get it together, I think they might surprise a few people."

COKANASIGA WAS born in Fiji to and father, Ilaitia, was in the British Army. The father-son centre partnership turned out for Army Vets team before returning to the UK in 2013. Two years ago against London Scottish he scored a brilliant individual try beating multiple defenders, demonstrating his raw power and pace, just like his hero the late Jonah Lomu.

English coach Eddie Jones is said to have picked him from relative obscurity saying he's big and fast and had power and pace and "something a little bit special" when the 21-year-old debuted against Japan. Joe is expected to start against USA on Thursday and the Sun noted that the "giant winger from Bath will be unleashed against USA for his debut." USA are a tough, physical team.

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